

WEATHER FORECAST

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday:
Victoria and vicinity—North and east
winds, continued rain, not much change
in temperature.

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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Capitol—In Every Woman's Life.
Dominion—Chu-Chin-Chow.
Coliseum—Love and Glory.
Playhouse—In the Shadows of White-
chapel.
Columbia—Jealous Husbands.

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Victoria Daily Times

THE TIMES WISHES ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TWO WITNESSES STATE ONE OF MEN HELD IN SEATTLE SHARED NANAIMO ROBBERY

Police Announce Ross C. Watson, Formerly Seattle Detective, Was Identified Without Hesitation by Two of Five Nanaimo Residents Who Saw Him in Jail To-day; Teller of Bank Identified \$5 and \$2 Bills.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Two of eight witnesses, victims of the \$42,000 robbery of a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Nanaimo, B.C., December 12, who arrived here to-day, positively identified Ross C. Watson, former Seattle police detective, as one of the participants, police said.

Only five of the Canadians viewed Watson. The other three said they were not sure if Watson was one of the robbers.

James Stevenson, teller of the bank, identified by red pencil the asserted, two \$5 Canadian bills and a \$2 bill, part in Canadian currency found in the room of Harry Stone, suspects under arrest.

Red bandits were to be heard in court here January 12, to be decided whether available warrants, their arrest on the bank robbery.

Watson has been confined in the city jail since January 12, while the other five men were in the county jail. Witnesses were to visit the jail later.

Two witnesses from the Royal Bank asserted, have a list of the \$10 taken in the raid and any money found on the person of those implicated in the crime.

The two men who escaped, say the police, were those who stood outside the bank premises and watched for the arrival of any police interference. These men, even if found, would be somewhat of an embarrassment to the authorities, who would be faced with the almost impossible task of proving them guilty when all they were seen to do was stand outside the bank during the raid.



ROSS C. WATSON

IBANEZ READY TO FIGHT DUEL WITH ALFONSO

Spanish Author-revolutionist Prepared Also to Meet Rivera With Weapons But He Will Not Fight Host of Men of Lesser Fame Now Challenging

Mentone, France, Dec. 24.—"Alfonso and Primo de Rivera, whom I have attacked in my writings, are the two men I would fight in a duel."

Vicente Blasco Ibañez, the Spanish author, made this declaration to the press to-day when informed of the numerous challenges emanating from Spain from various personages mentioned in his manifestos who are desirous of seeking satisfaction by arms.

"I need not fight all these people to prove my courage," Ibañez continued. "I have already fought nine duels with pistols or swords and two of my opponents were seriously wounded, one of them being at the point of death for several days."

He said he had as yet received no official challenge.

A dispatch from Paris yesterday said:

Viscount d'Esta, former Spanish Minister of War, has arrived in Paris for the expressed purpose of obtaining an apology or satisfaction from Vicente Blasco Ibañez, the author, for what the statesman considers an insulting reference regarding him in the writer's manifesto against King Alfonso and the Military Directorate of Spain. The manifesto is entitled "Alfonso Unmasked."

"The Viscount's present plan, it is said, is to publish an article in Le Figaro calling upon Ibañez to make a retraction. In the event the author declines, the Viscount's friends say he is prepared to seek out Ibañez in his retreat at Mentone and publicly challenge him to a duel."

AVIATOR KILLED

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—Otto Ballod, Latvian pilot, was killed yesterday when the glider which he was operating fell near here. Ballod was participating in the first contest for motorless planes held in Argentina.

\$150,000 Fire To-day In Manitoba Capital

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Fire of unknown origin early to-day destroyed the Stovel Building on McDermott Avenue, formerly occupied by the Stovel Printing Company and latterly by several wholesale dealers. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, partly covered by insurance.

The building was valued at \$100,000 and the stock at \$50,000.

AEROPLANE DISASTER TO-DAY IN ENGLAND

SHIP IN DISTRESS OFF COAST OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—An unidentified freighter was reported in distress near Battleship Row off San Pedro early this morning. The ship had a heavy list and was fighting a fifty-mile gale, the report stated. Tugs were dispatched to her aid from San Pedro.

Man and Mother Were Found Dead

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 24.—A. H. Schnelle and his mother, Mrs. Sofia Schnelle, seventy-five, were found dead in their home here last night. Mrs. Schnelle's daughter, who was found unconscious in the room, is in a critical condition.

A bottle labelled "Spirits of Camphor" was found near the bodies. Police who entered the house touched the daughter and she gasped "Oh" and lapsed into unconsciousness.

FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE

Prince Rupert, Dec. 24.—Mike Senik, who held up a poker party at Smithers recently and who was arrested a few hours later, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Young to five years in the penitentiary.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY LAW NOT TO APPLY TO FISHING OR SOME LOGGING OPERATIONS

All branches of fishing, certain workers in the logging industry and specified classes of engineers and firemen are exempted from the provisions of British Columbia's new Eight-hour Day Law under the first regulations of the Eight-hour Board of Adjustment made public by Premier Oliver to-day. The new regulations, the Premier stated, have been approved by order-in-council and will come into operation January 1 when British Columbia actually adopts the eight-hour day in industry.

In the logging industry all operators of launches, all men engaged in booming operations, all operators of transportation systems such as railway cranes, workers employed in handling logs by trucks or horses, and engineers employed in the upkeep and operation of donkey engines are exempted from the new law.

All workers in cook and bunk houses in the camps of the Province are also exempted.

Not only the fishing industry itself, but canning and curing fish or fish products are allowed exemption.

All workers employed in ship building and metal trades industries will be allowed to work fifteen hours per man per month over and above the limitations of the new law in order to execute work necessary to keep other industries in operation. A record of this overtime work, however, must be reported monthly to the office of the Board of Adjustment.

In all industries which use steam as a motive power and which operate on a one-shift basis, the engineer and firemen in charge will be allowed to work overtime to the extent of an hour-and-a-half per day to cover "preparatory or complementary work."

In addition to the industries exempted by the Board of Adjustment, the agricultural, horticultural and dairy industries in all their branches are exempted under the new law itself.

Except for these exemptions, however, every industry in British Columbia will work on an eight-hour day, commencing January 1. In industry, of course, is considered any business which is actually producing a marketable product.

The exemptions of the agricultural industries are as follows:

**Dr. Philip Rahtjen
Died in California**

South Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 24.—Dr. Philip Rahtjen, scientist, poet, yachtsman and discoverer of the germ of anaemia, died here yesterday. It became known to-day. Death is said to have resulted from the accidental drinking of a poisonous solution in his Hollywood laboratory eleven days ago.

EVICTED CLYDEBANK FAMILIES RETURNED

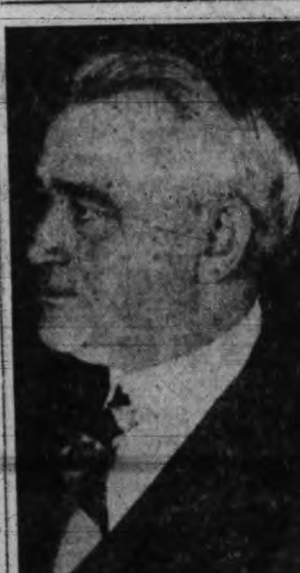
Glasgow, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press cable).—Four out of five families evicted at Clydebank yesterday for non-payment of rent returned to their homes with the assistance of several thousand people. The police watched the reinstatement of the tenants by their sympathisers, but did not interfere.

FATAL ACCIDENT MARS LONDON-PARIS AIR SERVICE



The picture above, made from a photo of one of the latest London-Paris aeroplanes, gives an impression of the machine which was wrecked at Croydon to-day with the loss of eight lives. It is a twin engine, twelve-passenger aeroplane, and is operated by the Air Union. With fair weather the journey between the two points, alluded to as the London-Paris service, occupies about three hours and a half. Each passenger is permitted thirty pounds of free baggage and a large amount of space is available for excess trunks, and so on, which do not fit under the seating accommodation. Aeroplanes of this class are remarkable for their smoothness in the air and freedom from much of the discomfort occasioned by encounters with air pockets, the "bumps" being regarded as comparatively slight.

LOOK TO FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE SAYS DR. J. H. KING



"I extend to the people of British Columbia my sincere wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

"May I express the conviction that we, as Canadians, have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon our position at this time, which, upon comparison with that of other countries, is, considering very conditions in general, very encouraging indeed."

"The visit of the Prime Minister of Canada to the western provinces was an indication of the desire of the Government to study their needs, and the information thus secured at first-hand will prove of mutual advantage and have most beneficial results so far as western development and prosperity is concerned."

"There is no country in the world to-day which has not its problems, but I feel that we can look to the future with confidence and hopefulness. Experience, however, has taught us that world-wide peace and happiness cannot become an absolute accomplishment without individual and collective effort."

"The aim of Canada should be a strong, unified, consolidated people, with common national ideals and purposes. All Canadians, irrespective of race, should be united in this aim."

URSUS KERMODEI ESCAPES TO TOP OF LOFTY TREE

Famous Bear Makes Break For Freedom This Morning

The famous white bear, Ursus Kermodei, only living specimen in captivity of the unique bear of Princess Royal Island, escaped from his pen at about 10.30 o'clock this morning. About 1 o'clock he was recaptured, however, after careful watch had been kept meanwhile on his movements.

He immediately ran to a tree, a venerable fir in the clump at the northwest corner of the deer enclosure, and within a few yards of the cage where he had been confined since his capture.

He took refuge in the fir, where he first gambled with some jays, the birds apparently not welcoming his attentions. At length after one or two incursions up and down the trunk, rejoicing in his new found freedom, Ursus Kermodei decided that throwing dead wood down on the spectators was great fun. Many of the boughs being easy to detach, he

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New Amateur Radio Tests Across Canada Are Success

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Canada has taken the lead over the other Dominions in reserving a special wave length of 15 metres for amateur radio work. The radio branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries states that wave length of 15 metres is being specially reserved for amateur radio work.

To-night at 12.30 o'clock, Eastern standard time, and every succeeding Wednesday at the same hour Canadian amateurs will be together on the air and trans-Canada traffic will be moved.

Reports received by the Department from the American Radio Relay League show the first tests were carried out a few nights ago with encouraging results. Stations at Halifax and Campbellton, N.B., connected with Montreal, which in turn communicated with Ottawa, while Toronto and London, Ont., connected with A. J. Ober's set at Vulcan, Alberta. There the relay stopped, but Halifax came to the rescue and worked right over the heads of the rest of the Dominion and hooked up with J. M. McRobbie in Vancouver. Three of the Halifax stations report successful communication with New Zealand.

GOVERNMENT TO START WORK IN MANY PARTS OF B.C. TO GIVE JOBS TO UNEMPLOYED

Extensive plans for public works to relieve unemployment in many parts of the Province were announced to-day by Hon. W. H. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, after he had conferred with officials of his department on the expenditure of the \$150,000 voted by the Legislature to ease the unemployment situation.

The Government's programme, as outlined by Dr. Sutherland, provides considerable work on Vancouver Island.

In Victoria men will be employed leveling and improving the grounds behind the Parliament Buildings and in road building on the Songhees Reserve. Another gang will be engaged in improving the Shawanigan Lake cut-off road and elimination of the present steep and dangerous Fitzgerald Hill. Ditching and road work near Sooke also will be undertaken.

Other work outlined by Dr. Sutherland includes slashing of the right-of-way of the new Trans-Canadian Highway between Hope and Yale and reclamation of the grade at Hope. Widening of the road and slashing between Rosedale and Hope.

In West Vancouver the Government will spend \$5,000 on public works provided the municipality also appropriates money for relief.

Severage work in Sooke, Vancouver, to the extent of \$10,000, this sum to cover at least a fair portion of the loss caused by present unsatisfactory weather conditions.

Further clearing of lands on the (Concluded on page 2)

MERCHANTS REPORT HEAVY SHOPPING THIS CHRISTMAS

Season's Business Much Better Than 1923 in Spite of Cold Snap

Despite the gloomy forebodings of the pessimists who saw in the recent cold snap the death-knell to business, merchants, in the city are facing a Christmas Day made the merrier by the knowledge of an unusually prosperous season. The oft-quoted financial stringency apparently does not exist when it comes to Christmas buying, for the majority of the stores have experienced a heavier rush than for several years past.

With a considerable increase in the business of the Christmas season of 1923.

The two big department stores, David Spencers, Limited, and the Hudson's Bay Company, both report heavy buying on the part of the public. While it is true that the first two days of the cold snap kept people at home attending to furnaces and watching over the water pipes, housewives soon accustomed themselves to the climatic change and bent their thoughts to Christmas shopping.

Since then the real Christmas rush has been in progress and the warmth of the larger stores has resulted in (Concluded on page 2)

ANTI-CHURCH UNION VOTE

Moose Jaw, Dec. 24.—At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church fifty-five members of the congregation cast their votes against union under the provincial conditions of the Act, while forty-four favored the union. This vote dealt with local church property. Polling regarding Dominion property of the Presbyterian Church will be continued for one hour each week until January 3 next.

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Constable To-day in New Orleans Was Killed by Bandit

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—Jacob Uhle, a traffic policeman, was shot and killed this morning by a bandit who robbed the Frenchman Street branch of the Marine Bank of \$21,000.

EIGHT PERSONS LOST LIVES TO-DAY WHEN LONDON-PARIS PLANE FELL AT CROYDON

Seven Passengers Including Two Women, on Way to France for Christmas and Pilot Were Victims; Big Aeroplane Staggered and Gust of Wind Caught it; Burst Into Flames as Soon as it Struck Ground; Passengers Could Not be Aided.

Croydon, Eng., Dec. 24.—A Christmastide tragedy occurred this morning at the aerodrome here when the seven passengers and the pilot of the big Imperial Airways Express D.H.34 were killed when the aeroplane banked and crashed to the ground soon after it had taken off.

The passengers, who were on their way to Paris for Christmas, were hardly aware they were well in the air when the machine suddenly banked over Purley Down in a gust of wind, went into a nose dive and burst into flames through the explosion of the gasoline tank. All eight in the machine were burned to death and the machine was completely destroyed.

There were two women among the passengers, five men passengers and the pilot.

An eyewitness of the tragedy, said he had noticed the plane was flying low, that it suddenly banked, cleared a nearby house and then staggered in the air. Almost immediately a gust of wind caught the plane, its tail shot up and it went into a nose dive and fell like a stone. Immediately the machine touched the ground it burst into flames.

QUICKLY CONSUMED

"I ran to the spot," said the eyewitness, "but by the time I got there the whole machine had been destroyed. The only thing I could see unscathed were the two wheels of the under-carriage. In the wreckage I could see the charred remains of the bodies, that of the pilot in front. All the passengers must have died instantly. Their clothes were gone and their bodies were black."

NO AID POSSIBLE

Fire brigades from Purley and Croydon hurried to the spot, but were unable to arrive in time to be of any assistance. Even when they reached the machine, the firemen could not approach because of the burning debris.

The crowds of people which ran to the scene shortly after the accident also could do nothing to aid the imprisoned passengers. They could only watch the flames.

BRAZILIAN KILLED

Among the passengers killed was a Brazilian, Dr. Borboa Lima, who was on his way to Switzerland. He had arrived in London a few days ago from Hamburg.

Another killed was Cedric Trudgett, representative of The Chilean Review.

**CONSERVATIVES
BEHIND MEIGHEN,
TOLMIE ASSERTS**

His Leadership Still Commands Support of Party, Says Organizer

Expect Long Session Unless King Government Goes to Country

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has the full confidence of the Conservative Party throughout Canada despite recent attacks on his leadership in influential Conservative papers in the East.

Hon. S. P. Tolmie, Federal Member for Victoria, and organizer of the party, declared on his return to this city for the Christmas holidays to-day.

"Mr. Meighen has been attacked before and has again been criticized as a result of the St. Antoine by-election," Dr. Tolmie remarked, "but his leadership commands the support and confidence of his party in this country. The recent conference in the East, which included representatives of the party in all the provinces, (Concluded on page 2)

THOUSANDS AT ROME CEREMONY TO-DAY

Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter Opened by Pope Pius

Millions of Pilgrims Expected to Visit Rome During Next Year

Rome, Dec. 24 (Associated Press).—Pope Pius XI, surrounded by the splendor of medieval pageantry customary for such occasions, to-day proclaimed from the Vatican the twenty-third Holy Year in the history of the Papacy and performed the picturesque ceremony of knocking down the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter with the symbolic solid gold hammer.

The Pontiff thus initiated a series of ceremonies which are expected to attract to Rome during the ensuing year millions of pilgrims from all over the world.

The regal magnificence of to-day's ceremony, the richness of the pontifical robes, the multicolored uniforms of the various branches of the Vatican forces and the draperies and canopies that lent gorgeous color to the general background of a panorama of solemn grandeur imparted on the minds of the favored hundreds who saw the ceremony at close range, and the thousands of others who filled the spacious basilica and overflowed into the expansive square in front.

USED GOLD HAMMER

By far the most impressive part of this age-old yet ever new ceremony was that in which the Pope, holding in his right hand the little gold hammer which somewhat resembles a share, an ordinary chairman's gavel, (Concluded on page 2)

New History Books For Russian Schools

Berlin, Dec. 24.—New manuals of history quite unlike the pre-war text books used in Germany are about to be introduced in the Russian schools. Dynasties take a second place in the new books, and the history of wars is overshadowed by economics, social history and the story of the people in the various states which make up the republic.

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St. John's Anglican Church, Quadra Street, Christmas Day, 7.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Festal Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rector, Rev. P. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., assisted by Rev. M. W. J. Bruce, Rev. C. E. D. Labilliere and Rev. C. B. Price. A happy Christmas to all, and a hearty invitation to the services.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HON. J. H. KING

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tive of their origin, should think in the same ideal and be animated by the same sentiments of patriotism. The Fathers of Confederation were men of far and clear vision, of unflinching courage and unwavering faith, who believed in the future greatness of Canada. If we but follow the ideals of these men, with their noble achievements, the unwritten history of Canada will be the proud past.

"Yours Faithfully,
J. H. KING."

EIGHT-HOUR DAY LAW OF B.C.

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tural, horticultural and dairy industries will include creameries, dairies, fruit canning, fruit packing and dehydrating plants.

So that industries may be allowed to give their workers half holidays on Saturday the Board of Adjustment will allow them to work for eight hours and forty-five minutes a day for five days a week with a four-hour Saturday.

The Board of Adjustment will make new regulations and allow new exceptions from the law from time to time as industrial conditions change.

MERCHANTS REPORT HEAVY SHOPPING THIS CHRISTMAS

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the more general purchasing under one roof, perhaps, than hitherto.

Since Monday the stores have been packed with eager purchasers. In spite of the campaign of several years past to encourage early shopping, there still seems as many who leave their purchases to the last minute and tired attendants expect to be giving advice on what to give to John or Lucy until a late hour this evening.

One notable feature of the shopping is the purchase of the utility gifts, showing the general tendency to give useful presents instead of the rather inane gifts which was the practice for so many years. Some of the gifts called the "S.P. U.G." came into being in the United States, aimed at the prevention of useless giving, and while it was confined to a comparatively small area, its virus seems to have traveled with good effect. So this year father is more likely to receive sensible socks or shirts rather than the impossible tie or the useless gift of a few years ago.

Even the unemployment situation, desperate as it is, is not without reflection in the business of the season, for the distribution of many hampers among the needy has led to much heavier buying by the many philanthropic organizations and their supporters this Christmas.

URSUS KERMODEI ESCAPES TO TOP OF LOFTY TREE

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found amusement in this form of playfulness for a long time, while his keeper, A. M. Young, and others laid plans for his recapture. Offers of food were made, but the bear was deaf to such blandishments, and remained in his leafy quarters seventy or eighty feet above the ground, for more than two hours. Eventually some tempting food drew him down, and he was quickly returned to the pen.

Yesterday evening he looked in a more attractive condition than for some time, the cold weather having dried up the wet floor of his cage, and his coat was clean and glossy. It is not clear how he escaped, unless at the time he was fed this morning, the latch of the pen door was not closely fitted, and he managed to pry the fastening free, making a hurried escape.

TROOPS NOT TO LEAVE COLOGNE AREA ON JAN. 10

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which will be submitted to the Council and, after ratification, delivered to the German Government.

The Armaments Control Commission will not have completed its investigation until after January 10 and consequently will not be able to make a full report containing its final opinion on the execution of the disarmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty by Germany until after that date.

Only when in possession of the commission's report will the Allied Governments be in a position to pronounce finally on the question of evacuating the Cologne bridgehead.

LATE PIONEER

The funeral of the late Samuel Ebenezer King, who came to Victoria in 1862, will take place from the family residence, 1231 Balmoral Road, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, proceeding to St. Barnabas' Church for services. Interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

HERRIOT CABINET DEFEATED ON VOTE IN SENATE TO-DAY

Division in the French Upper House on Amnesty Bill Was 143 to 153 Votes

Senate Refused to Make Re-instatement of the Railroad Strikers Compulsory

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Herriot Government was put in a minority in the Senate this afternoon, receiving 143 votes as against 153 on a clause of the Amnesty Bill, which the Senate is considering on its return from the Chamber of Deputies.

The Government desired to make obligatory the reintegration of the railroad strikers by the companies, but the Senate refused to alter its statement that the reintegration must be optional.

ALBANIANS CAPTURE JUGO-SLAV TROOPS

Government Says Regulars From Across Border Taken; Guns Seized

Sofia, Dec. 24.—A statement issued by the Albanian consulate here alleges that Albanian Government troops, retaking Krouma, in the Kozov district, from the insurgents, captured a detachment of Serbian regular troops, with field and machine guns from the Serbian arsenal.

CONSERVATIVES BEHIND MEIGHEN, TOLMIE ASSERTS

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tive Conservatives from all parts of Canada, endorsed his leadership amid scenes of the most striking enthusiasm. That conference fully represented the party throughout the Dominion.

Dr. Tolmie expressed himself as well satisfied with the position of the Conservative Party.

Unless the Mackenzie King Government decides to go to the country early in 1925 the next session of Parliament, opening in the first part of February, probably will stretch into July, Dr. Tolmie predicted. Already he said, members of the Progressive Party have placed a large number of resolutions on the order paper in preparation for the session.

Dr. Tolmie intends to remain in Victoria only for a short time. After spending Christmas here with his family he will go to Ottawa for the session.

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN TORONTO NOW ACUTE

Toronto, Dec. 24.—With 6,000 names on the list at the head office of the unemployment bureau here and with several more thousand reported by the various trade unions as

out of work, the unemployment situation in Toronto has become acute. According to present arrangements, relief work will be only for married men with families. Already 2,000 men have registered for snow cleaning.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESS INSTITUTE

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald assisted Santa Claus yesterday.

Upon the application in Supreme Court of F. G. T. Lucas, counsel for the Victoria Business Institute Limited, His Lordship approved the company's resolution which provided that \$3,000 of its share capital should be created into eight per cent dividend bearing preference shares.

The company proposed distributing these latter shares as Christmas presents to its employees, explained Mr. Lucas.

Vancouver Island News

SAYWARD SEEKS LARGER MARKETS

Supports Co-operative Marketing Legislation of Recent Session

Sayward, V.I., Dec. 20 (By Mail).—The regular meeting of the Sayward Progressive Agricultural Development Society was held at the home of the secretary, J. E. Armistead, on December 14, and a very good attendance of members was on hand. Letters were read from the Department of Agriculture, and the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. The secretary was instructed to attend to them. He reported the receipt from the Department of Agriculture of the Government grant in connection with the society's agricultural fair.

The secretary also read a news item from The Times, which stated that Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, was bringing down operative legislation regarding co-operative marketing. A very interesting discussion resulted, as the society has made this question a very live issue for a considerable time.

The result of this discussion was that the secretary was instructed to write the Minister, conveying to him the society's appreciation for his endeavor to assist the farmers to help themselves.

A letter is also to be sent to P. P.

Harrison, M.P., for the district, requesting him to give his support to the Minister's efforts.

It was decided to hold a motion picture entertainment in the lower schoolhouse on the evening of January 2.

The question of the gravelling of the roads in the district was taken up, and the secretary was instructed to write the district engineer regarding them.

Several of the members complained of the very unsatisfactory result obtained in the shipping and selling of their products to outside dealers, the price being very low, and that they did not receive their weights, which were always on the short side. This question is being investigated, and will be taken up at the next meeting.

MASQUERADE DANCE

Metchoin, Dec. 24 (Special to The Times).—A masquerade dance will be held in the Metchoin Hall on Friday, December 26, from 9 to 1, under the auspices of the Metchoin Women's Institute. Ray Kinloch's three-piece orchestra has been engaged to play for dancing and several novelty dances have been arranged. Good prizes will be given for the best costumes, etc., a good time is assured. Supper will be served by ladies of the institute.

The name of Mrs. John Finch was inadvertently omitted from the account of the Colwood Christmas tree, held last week. Mrs. Finch, it is understood, played a prominent part in the training of the children for the entertainment, which was a great success.

ROBBER ESCAPED IN CITY OF MOOSE JAW

Walked Into Candy Store,
Opened Cash Register and
Made Off With Money

Moose Jaw, Dec. 24.—A slimy built young man walked into the Union Candy Store here last evening with his face muffled and, pressing his finger on the key of the cash register, opened it and snatched out some of its contents. There was \$42 in the till but he secured only \$3. Then he calmly walked out of the store, and in spite of the chase that was made managed to escape. The robbery was carried out in the midst of the crowd of shoppers on Main Street.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR IN GERMANY JAILED

But German President Appeals, Denying He Himself
Committed High Treason

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Delivering judgment in the libel action which President Ebert brought against Editor Rothart of The Mittel Deutsche Zeitung, a provincial newspaper, the Magdeburg court today sentenced Rothart to three months in prison.

The judge, Ebert, the public prosecutor and the President's counsel have all entered an appeal owing to the court's findings that Ebert had urged the munition workers to hold out during the 1918 strike, and hence, from the viewpoint of the court had committed high treason.

FARM SHIPMENTS TO U.S. ARE REDUCED

Effect of High Tariff on Canada's Exports Disclosed By Ottawa Figures

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The extent to which exports of Canadian farm products to the United States have decreased in the last four years is illustrated in a table published in the current issue of The Commercial Intelligence Journal, which emphasizes the increase in the United States tariff in force on such commodities.

In November, 1921, Canada exported to the United States \$2,573,411 worth of "commodities produced on Canadian farms or manufactured directly therefrom." In November, 1924, this figure dropped to \$3,925,294. For the two months of the November 30 the figures dropped from \$62,100,016 in 1920 to \$7,729,887 in 1924.

The biggest drop, of course, was in 1921, when the increased tariff began to make itself felt. The figures for November, 1921, were \$9,569,374, and for November, 1922, it was \$9,711,522. The figure for 1923 is not given.

The decreases apply to almost every item of the list, but are most pronounced in cattle, wheat, flour and meats.

Crossword Puzzles Create Precedent

Boulder, Colo., Dec. 24.—Crossword puzzles have smashed through another barrier to establish a precedent.

This time it is at the University of Colorado, where orders were issued yesterday to keep open the university library on a part time schedule during the two-week Christmas holiday as a special service to crossword puzzle enthusiasts. Heretofore the library always was closed during the holiday vacation period.

Coupled with this announcement came the statement that the extension department of the university has under consideration the establishment of a crossword puzzle course.

Soviet Church Fails In United States

New York, Dec. 24.—The attempt of the Soviet Church of Russia to take over control of the Russian Orthodox Church and its properties here failed today when State Supreme Court Justice Ford upheld the claim of the Metropolitan Rojestvensky to the leadership of the Russian Greek Catholic Church in North America and the Aleutian Islands.

Government Heads Leave London For Christmas Period

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press cable).—There was an exodus yesterday of statesmen and political leaders, who have gone to their country homes for the Christmas holidays.

Premier Baldwin left Downing Street for his home in Worcester-shire, but will return December 29 for a few days, in order to clear up emergency business.

David Lloyd George has gone to Criccieth, Wales.

Aged Couple in Ontario Lost Lives

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 24.—Alarmed by their non-appearance since last Friday, neighbors forced their way into the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Staples at Petrolia and found both husband and wife dead on the kitchen floor near the stove, gas from which was still burning. Apparently the couple, who were both more than eighty years of age, had been seated in front of the fire with the doors of the room closed, and had gradually become unconscious as the oxygen in the room was consumed.

GOUGH HEARD AT TRIAL IN TORONTO

Testifies in His Own Defence
About Transactions of the
Home Bank

Toronto, Dec. 24.—R. P. Gough, who was vice-president and a director of the Home Bank and who is on trial in the county criminal court here on charges of making false statements of the bank's financial affairs, continued his evidence yesterday under cross-examination by D. L. McCarthy, K.C., prosecutor.

Mr. McCarthy asked Mr. Gough about what had taken place at board meetings which he attended, particularly the annual meeting in May, 1917.

Mr. Gough said he trusted the officials at the time. He thought his duty was to go to board meetings and give his opinion on loans and transactions and policy. He had been assured by the general manager that inspection of the head office had been made.

He had never asked about the Toronto branch, but he understood it was regularly inspected and was surprised to know it had not been inspected in recent years.

ONLY A STATEMENT

Mr. Gough admitted all the board of directors had before it when declaring a dividend was a cut-and-dried statement from the general manager. On this statement they declared the dividend.

Mr. Gough said that at the meeting on December 5 the Reynolds Timber Company, in which he was interested, got an additional \$150,000, making a total loan to it of \$225,000.

M. J. Haney, who was president of the Reynolds Company, and Gough, vice-president, both voted for the loan, although it was contrary to the by-laws of the bank.

Mr. Gough said he understood in 1917 that all the loans to J. F. M. Stewart were for his own purposes.

Mr. Gough said he had not seen Hon. T. A. Cramer's letter of protest to M. J. Haney, but had heard about it.

"There was a lot of stuff I never learned," said Mr. Gough.

The witness said he had looked upon the Reynolds Timber firm as a company of the bank.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—That A. M. Knight, barrister, came to his death by falling down the shaft of the service elevator in the Macdonald Hotel here Saturday night was the finding of the coroner's jury.

If each of us as citizens would make it a fixed rule to use made-in-B.C. products (where they are as good as imported ones) we would be looking for men to fill positions instead of trying to find work for idle men.

The shoe importations alone kept more outside people busy than we have idle at this time.

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Man and Wife in Auto Were Killed

New York, Dec. 24.—A young married couple, driving home in a small automobile laden with Christmas packages, died in each other's arms last night when the steering gear went wrong and their car plunged upside down into Pelham Bay.

The victims were John Frigel, thirty, and his wife, Mabel, a year his junior.

When the automobile was raised it was found the couple apparently had lived just long enough to put their arms around each other.

Wheat Area Shrank In Britain in 1924

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable).—The Ministry of Agriculture's report for the year ended June 30 last, issued last night, shows that arable land in England and Wales declined by 250,000 acres to 11,000,000 acres. The acreage under wheat to-

talled 1,500,000, which was the smallest for twenty years. The drop is attributed mainly to unfavorable weather conditions during the Autumn of 1923, but it is believed the low prices ruling for wheat at seeding time had some effect.

FRENCH AND GERMAN DISCUSSION OF TRADE

Paris, Dec. 24.—The suggestion that the commercial negotiations between France and Germany are dragging because the British and German manufacturers have already concluded an alliance is put forward by Lucien Chassaing, chief editor of The Journal.

He points out that the Anglo-German commercial agreement was signed in three days practically without discussion, while the Franco-German negotiations have made little headway after weeks, and now the German delegates announce they are going back to Berlin, not to return until January 5.

"What time is it, Maud?" boomed her father from the top of the stairs. "Fred's watch isn't going."

"How about Fred?"

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THE OLD, OLD STORY.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

—Luke ii., 8-16.

OUR WIRELESS SERVICE

THE CANADIAN WIRELESS service on this coast was established by the Dominion Government some years ago as part of a comprehensive programme for the protection of shipping.

There had been a series of disastrous shipwrecks, chiefly off Vancouver Island, the worst of which was the sinking of the steamer Valencia with a heavy loss of life, and the Hon. William Templeman, British Columbia's Minister in the Dominion Government, after consulting with local shipping interests, initiated a number of important safeguards for navigation.

These consisted mainly of new lightships, a trail from Port Renfrew to Bannockburn and a first unit of five wireless stations at suitable points on the coast.

An admirable wireless service was established and this has been extended from time to time, the latest extension being the direction station at Pachenca. The system is conducted by an exceptionally efficient staff and has won high praise from many quarters, particularly from the shipping interests.

When Mr. Templeman inaugurated the wireless programme for the Pacific coast as a Canadian Government service his action was challenged by the Marconi Company, which controlled the service on the Atlantic Coast, on the ground that under its patent rights any stations established by the Government on the Pacific would have to use the Marconi wireless system.

The Minister's contention was that the Canadian Government could install any system it wished. He was determined that the Government should absolutely control the service and declared he would resist to the utmost any attempt to set up a private monopoly. Litigation was threatened but in the end Mr. Templeman had his way.

An Ottawa dispatch has recently reported a proposal to transfer the control of the wireless service on this coast from the Government to the Marconi Company. In view of the circumstances we have briefly outlined this would be a retrograde step which would arouse strong objection here.

The Government must continue to control so vital an agency for the protection of life and property in Pacific waters, especially in view of the marked efficiency with which it is being conducted.

GOOD WORK

IT IS NOT A SIMPLE matter in this part of the world to catch robbers who organize their nefarious business along scientific lines and "spread out" as soon as they cross the international boundary.

There is to be another Imperial Conference to decide the Empire's attitude towards the Geneva protocol. This should at least insure an Empire view on the main issue—

with conflicting clauses omitted by common consent.

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layman that there are so many counts open to them, especially when one of their number is an experienced policeman familiar with robberies and police methods, that the adoption of any would be sufficient to put their pursuers completely off their track. But the light-fingered gentry who held up and robbed the Nanaimo branch of the Royal Bank of Canada reckoned without the experience and ability of Inspector Forbes Cruikshank. To him and his methods of following up the crime undoubtedly belongs the greater part of the credit of landing the ring-leaders of the expedition.

From within a very short time after the robbery had taken place Cruikshank kept on the trail and brought to bear upon his task all the arts of his calling, with the result that when the net was cast it enclosed several men who are believed to have had a share in the robbery.

Although he was ably assisted by the chief of police of Nanaimo and by members of the police and detective forces of Seattle, it is conceded that the British Columbia inspector's part in the arrests which have been made is a conspicuous triumph. He and his colleagues are entitled to the congratulations which the Attorney-General has extended to them.

OUR APPLES

BRITISH COLUMBIA apple growers will naturally welcome the suggestion that the British Government will possibly assist the industry of this country to pack apples in a more attractive manner than in the old barrel form.

Just how this is going to be worked out is not apparent from the intimation which comes from the Old Country by cable. As a part of the general campaign to popularize Empire products, however, it would certainly improve the Canadian apple market.

The plan calls to mind the experiment with two or three large consignments of apples which were sent from this Province, and from other parts of the country, to the British Empire Exhibition. These were what the layman understands as "crown packed." That is to say, the apples are carefully boxed and the outside row of the fruit all round protected from contact with the wood by an adequate wrapper covering. This system apparently prevents the fruit from "flattening" and otherwise taking on a "messy" look. It is also claimed that the apples retain their freshness much longer when so packed.

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NO DUEL

VICENTE BLASCO Ibanez does not propose to indulge in cheap heroics. He declares that it is not necessary for him to fight every Spanish nobleman who comes along in order to prove his courage.

No less than nine duels are already written in the life history of Ibanez and he implies that he will only condescend to fight the two men whom he has attacked in his recent writings—King Alfonso and also Primo de Rivera. This rather spoils the little programme which a former Spanish Minister of War had mapped out, wherein he was going to challenge the novelist to a duel and try to settle part of the business for himself, and it now looks as if Ibanez and his critics will do nothing more spectacular than indulge in a long distance duel—with pen and ink as the weapons.

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DR. FRANK CRANE

—ON—

"ROOM"

WHEN a firm, decisive spirit is recognized," says John Foster, "it is curious to see how the space clears around a man and leaves him room and freedom."

Most of us are continually beset in this life. We are crowded. There are too many affairs, too much business, too much amusement, too many people, too many events, we own too many things, and time itself crowds upon us.

We do not have that large and healthy leisure the soul needs for its growth, and the mind needs for its activities.

There is a good hint in the quotation from Mr. Foster. It is, that the only thing that gives us room and freedom is decision.

Most of our clutteredness comes from indecision. When we do not know what to do with a thing we lay it to one side. By and by the side is full. It would be much better if we could dispose of a thing definitely and permanently when we get through with it.

There are some men that we do not know if they be friends or enemies. It would be better to make up our mind at once and treat them positively.

There are places we do not know whether to go to or stay away from. We should have more decision of action. We should decide at once to go or to stay.

A decisive mind acquires the habit of ease. The indecisive mind is always in a stew of some sort. Indecision wears away the nerves.

The undecided mother has trouble with her children. The undecided teacher has trouble with her pupils. The undecided business man has trouble with his customers. Indecision, anywhere, seems to spell trouble.

Of course, occasionally, decision may spell trouble, as there is a certain amount of trouble that is due to come to us, but the trouble caused by decision at least is plain and clear, and we can get through with it while the trouble caused by indecision is continuous.

We feel a good deal towards indecisive people as the private felt toward the drill master. After hearing many successive orders, such as "Right, shoulder shift," "Forward March" and "Halt" and so on, the dismayed private said, "For heaven's sake, man, make up your mind!"

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POISONED CANDY

LEADS TO CHARGE

Second Wife of Professional Golfer in New York State Is Accused

Olean, N.Y., Dec. 24.—A warrant has been issued here charging attempted murder in the case of Miss Harriet Mosier, who is in a critical condition because of having eaten poisoned candy sent in the mail. The warrant is in the name of Hilma Ensminger of Columbia, Miss., with the crime. Police Chief John C. Dempsey wired the sheriff of Marion County, Mississippi, asking him to make the arrest.

The warrant was issued on information furnished by police and the county prosecutor, Hilma Ensminger, the second wife of George E. Ensminger, a professional golfer, Ensminger's first wife, Marjorie, from whom he was divorced last June, lived at the Mosier home with her six-year-old son, to whom the candy was sent in a Christmas package.

Ensminger, according to relatives here, returned to Olean last Christmas after he had been absent for several months, and at that time tried to bring about a reconciliation with his wife, asking her to leave the city with him.

Word was received last June of Ensminger's divorce and remarriage. His second bride was Mrs. Hilma Barnes Freeman.

Ensminger had been contributing to the support of his first wife and his son, relatives said.

No attempt was made to hide the source of the package of Christmas things, including the alleged poison candy. The wrapper bore the name of Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger and inside the candy box was a note which read:

"Merry Christmas and love. Would have sent more candy but it did not harden. Will send more to-morrow."

Both the candy and the note, according to the city bacteriologist, contained small particles of a poison tablet, which, apparently had been shaved into small pieces and hidden in the candy after it had begun to harden.

The authorities refused to disclose what evidence they had against the charge of attempted murder.

Verdict to be Rendered on Charge Ex-Pugilist Murdered Los Angeles Woman

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Pasequing counsel at the trial of "Kid" McCoy, ex-pugilist, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa W. Moran, August 12 last, closed the case. In court here late yesterday with a demand that the jury return a verdict of first degree murder, punishable by death.

The court adjourned over the Christmas holiday. Judge Charles S. Crail will read his instructions to the jury early next Friday.

Deputy District Attorney C. W. Ostrom closed the arguments for the state, declaring that "McCoy, rose and raked, inflamed by liquor, fired the shot that killed Mrs. Moran because he wanted to live on her money, and with her changing attitude saw his meal ticket slipping away."

Ostrom held up the prosecution's theory that McCoy shot Mrs. Moran "as a part of a definite plan."

SUICIDE ARGUMENT

The defence, in final arguments, maintained that the death was suicide prompted by a triangular motive involving smuggled guns belonging to her which had been seized by federal agents, the action of her divorced husband, Albert A. Moran, and brooding over her relations with McCoy with whom she lived.

"McCoy's actions do not indicate murder," Defence Attorney H. L. Geisler contended. "Had he been a sane man, another man would have been on trial for the murder to-day."

"Albert A. Moran," Geisler continued, "had threatened her life, had beaten her and in a property settlement four days before received but \$14,500 as his share. By her death he received many times more."

The defence closed by asking for "an acquittal on prejudice" of McCoy's former ring career, alleged immorality, the insanity which tainted his blood, according to the evidence.

WATERSHED NOT IN DANGER, PATTULLO ASSURES VANCOUVER

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, issued a written statement yesterday declaring that the Ministry's plan to purchase 120 acres of timber in the Capilano watershed area to prevent it being logged as "a waste of space" is not a matter for the city itself to determine.

Pattullo refers to the statement of Vancouver alderman that the Ministry is now convinced of the necessity of preserving the Capilano watershed.

"I wish to say very clearly," Mr. Pattullo declares, "that my attitude in respect to the Capilano watershed is exactly what it was, namely that our investigations shall be pursued to the point where we think we can safely pass a finality of opinion and then we shall be guided as the investigations dictate. The Capilano watershed area never has been and is not now and never will be in jeopardy from any action of this Government."

HONOR FOR ANGLIN

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—News of the appointment of Chief Justice F. A. Anglin to the British Privy Council was received by the Governor-General yesterday and communicated to Judge Anglin. His actual swearing in cannot take place until such time as he is able to visit the King. The appointment brings to a close the total of Canadian appointments to the council of "Right Honorable." Of these, four are no longer residents in Canada—Dr. T. J. McNamara, Sir Gilbert Parker, Lord Beaverbrook and Sir Hamar Greenwood.

SIR MATTHEW HALE

English jurist, died on December 25, 1876. He was successively judge of the Common Pleas, chief justice of the exchequer, and lord chief justice. Among his published writings are "History of the Common Law of England" and "Contemplations, Moral and Divine."

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More Employment Will be Available When Weather Moderates

When the weather moderates, there seems strong prospect that an increasing number of the unemployed will be given work. The Provincial Government is looking after work on the Reserve, and the Malahat as part of its Province-wide employment scheme.

The city has men engaged at Robert Porter Park, clearing the land, and will absorb additional men on surface drain work as soon as the weather moderates.

The Rotary labor movement is proving a great success, a large number of men being found casual work and work which can be done at a time when the ground is too hard for ordinary public works.

Weather conditions also affect the building operations in progress, several new buildings having been contemplated upon which construction is halted.

OGILVY PROPERTY STILL IN COURTS

Appeal Has Been Entered From Supreme Court Judgment

The courts are assured of more litigation with regard to the Ogilvy will. Last week Mr. Justice Morrison handed down in the Supreme Court a judgment with respect to the will of the late David Alexander Ogilvy, reclusive, who died at the Jubilee hospital after residing there for some years, after refusing to be moved when discharged by the house physician.

Ogilvy had directed that Lot 5, Block B, Work Estate, should upon the death of Mary Ann Hunt Hogan, niece and beneficiary under the will, pass to the citizens of Victoria. The property was to be held on trust for charitable purposes, the character of such eleemosynary trust being defined exactly in the testament, to avoid, as Mr. Ogilvy said, it passing "to any combination of thieves."

His Lordship was asked to say if the citizens of Victoria was a term identical with "the Corporation of the City of Victoria," and His Lordship found affirmatively.

The case has now gone to appeal, City Solicitor Pringle, being served with notice, and it is expected the hearing will be conducted at the January sitting of the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

New University is Opened in Palestine

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—The East and West were joined in the presence of representatives of the United States and West European men of letters, political representatives and officials of the Palestine Government, when the first Institute for Jewish Studies, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was opened on Mount Scopus yesterday, the first day of the Festival of Lights commemorating the Greeks.

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MANITOBA FIGHTING NATIONAL RAILROAD

Demands Taxes From Government Line; C.N.R. Protests Claims

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Pressure will be brought to bear on the Canadian National Railways by the Manitoba Government for a statement of the revenue produced by the system within the province, in order that the amount of tax payable to the province may be determined.

Symington, I.C., has been instructed by Hon. F. M. Black, provincial treasurer, to have the case, a writ for which was issued recently, brought to trial at the earliest moment.

The contention of the government is that the Manitoba statutes should govern and that two per cent gross receipts of the railways within the province should be paid into the treasury. The Canadian National officials, it is maintained, have refused to accede to the request of the government, with the result that a writ was issued against the system. The defence offered by the Canadian National is that the railway is the property of "His Majesty in the right of the Dominion," and that the tax was, therefore, ultra vires. It is claimed that the roads were operated at a loss and no tax was collectable.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 24.—A m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over Northern B.C. and, fine, cold weather again extends to California. Zero temperatures are also becoming general in the Prairie Provinces.

Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 30.2; temperature, maximum yesterday, 37; minimum, 26; wind, 12 miles N.; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 16; wind, 4 miles S.E.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.3; temperature, maximum yesterday, 37; minimum, 10; below, wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.7; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Fort St. John—Barometer, 30.9; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 18; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 37; minimum, 21; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Qu'Appelle—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 3; below, minimum, 8; below, snow.

Temperature

Victoria 37 26

Vancouver 40 16

Penticton 37 10

Grand Forks 37 10

Nelson 37 10

Kamloops 37 10

Calgary 37 10

Edmonton 37 10

Fort St. John 37 10

Montreal 37 10

Ottawa 37 10

St. John 37 10

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Dainty Voile Three-piece Sets, comprising gown, chemise and step-ins, trimmed with Val. lace and insertion, medallion insets, fine pin tucks and hemstitching; shown in flesh, peach and canary. A set from \$13.75 to \$14.25

—Whitewear, First Floor

Women's Kid and Mocha Gloves from \$1.95 to \$4.75 a Pair

Trefousse French Kid Gloves, regulation wrist length, with two dome clasps; over-sewn seams, and shown in shades of brown, grey, tan, navy, mode, black and white. A pair \$1.95

Trefousse French Kid Gloves, pique sewn and with one or two dome clasps; Paris or silk embroidered points; very pretty gloves; shades are brown, grey, tan, navy, black and white. A pair \$2.75

Trefousse French Suede Gloves, perfect fitting and pique sewn, two dome clasps and Paris points; shades are grey, beaver, brown, black and white. A pair \$2.50

Perrin's Capekin "Gauntlet" Gloves, having wide cuffs with contrasting gusset and one dome strap fastener; grey only \$2.50

Perrin's Novelty Capekin Gloves, with suede turnback cuffs, pearl buckle strap fastener and two-tone silk embroidered points; brown, mode and grey. A pair \$4.75

Perrin's Piece-lined Driving Gauntlets of heavy Capekin. They have wide flare cuff with strap fastener; brown only \$3.25

Trefousse Glace Kid Gloves, made of soft, pliable skins, with two pearl dome clasps and contrasting welt at wrist. Distinctive gloves; shades grey, brown, tan, mode, navy, black and white. A pair \$2.95

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Handkerchiefs, 35c a Box

All White Embroidered Novelty Colored Handkerchiefs, and white with colored embroidered corners. A box 35c

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White or Colored Lawn, with hand-embroidered designs; in animal designs; 3 in a box, for 35c

Handkerchiefs at 50c a Box

Madeira Embroidered Handkerchiefs and Swiss Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white or colored effects; 3 and 3 in a box 50c

Handkerchiefs at 65c a Box

Fine Quality Swiss Lawn, in white or colors; also Pure Linen, in assorted colors; 2 and 3 in a box 65c

Handkerchiefs for 75c a Box

A large and varied assortment in linen, lawn or lace; all beautifully embroidered and shown in white or colors; 3 in a box for 75c

Handkerchiefs at 85c a Box

Colored Lawn, with lace and embroidered corner; fine Swiss lawn, handsome embroidered designs; 3 in a box for 85c

Handkerchiefs at 1.00 a Box

Lace-trimmed Handkerchiefs, pure linen with colored embroidery; also fine sheer quality lawn; 3 in box, 1.00

Handkerchiefs at 1.25 a Box

Pure linen in white or colored effects; Lace-trimmed Handkerchiefs in filet or Venice lace; all beautifully hand-embroidered; 3 in a box, 1.25

—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Men's, Women's and Children's Slippers

From 79c to \$4.00 a Pair

Women's Best Quality Boudoir Slippers, with rubber heels and pompons; ten colors from which to make your choice. A pair \$1.45

Women's Felt Slippers, in various colors; leather soles. A pair 79c

Women's Best Quality Felt Juliette in taupe, wine or brown shades. At a pair \$1.95

Women's English Plaid Slippers, with turnover collar; various patterns in plain red or camel. A pair \$1.95

Women's Velvet Slippers, in various colors, trimmed with contrasting binding; have leather soles and flat heels. A pair \$1.25

Women's Suede Moccasin Slippers, in brown or grey, beaded vamps and fur lined. A pair \$1.45

Children's sizes, a pair, \$1.00

Boys' Leather Slippers, with stout leather soles; shown in brown and black. A pair \$1.95

Men's English Plaid Slippers, in plain camel shade. A pair \$1.95

Men's Leather Slippers, with stout leather soles, black brown or maroon; all sizes. A pair \$1.95

Men's Soft Leather Slippers, with padded soles and rubber heels; shown in brown or black. A pair \$1.50

—Shoe Sections, First, Main and Lower Main Floors

Children's Three-piece Woolen Sets at \$6.95 a Set

Children's Three-piece Woolen Sweater Sets, consisting of coat, overall gaiters and cap. The coats are very neat, fasten high up to the neck and are finished with round collar; gaiters have elastic at waist and gaiter strap under instep; the caps are toque shape with small pom-pom on top; sizes for 3 to 5 years. A set \$6.95

A Selection of Silverware Articles from \$2.25 to \$4.00

Comports, candlesticks, covered butter dishes, bread trays, roll trays, flower holders, bonbon dishes, pie plates, cruetes, cake plates, jewel cases and pickle jars. Values from \$2.25 to \$4.00

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—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

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—Men's Furnishings, Main Floors

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—Books, Lower Main Floor

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—Boys' Store, Lower Main Floor

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Braces of good elastic webbing, shown in many colors, with good strong leather tips. A pair 50c

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—Neckwear, Main Floor

Rompers for Baby

From \$1.00 to \$3.50

Infants' Silk Rompers in new designs, smocked and trimmed with French knots and large pearl buttons. Suitable for the ages of 6 months to 2 years. A pair, \$2.95, \$3.25, \$3.50

Rompers of chambray, gingham and crepe in plain colors and neat check designs. An assortment of styles for ages 6 months to 2 years. A pair, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.25

Infants' Dresses From \$1.00 to \$6.50

Dainty Lawn and Embroidered Voile Dresses in a large assortment of new designs; for ages 3 months to 2 years. \$1.00, \$1.49, \$1.79, \$1.95, \$2.25 and \$2.50

Cashmere Dresses with smocked and embroidered yokes. Each, \$2.25 and \$3.50

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Garters in gift boxes. A pair, 35c to 75c

Men's Two-piece Combination Sets; braces and garters. A set, \$1.00 to \$1.50

Garters in gift boxes. A pair, 35c to 75c

Men's Leather or Rubber Belts, with nickel silver buckle, in gift boxes. Each, 50c to \$1.75

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— IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN —

FORMER VICTORIA GIRL WILL ENTER ON STAGE CAREER

Laurine Gibson of San Francisco Was High School "Portia" Member

With a talent fostered in the Portia Debating Society of the High School, a former Victoria girl, Laurine Gibson, is winning a place for herself in the amateur dramatic circles of San Francisco and will shortly enter the bigger field of the professional stage.

Miss Gibson is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gibson of 224 St. Andrew's Street. She came with her parents from the prairies as a child and was educated here, latterly at the Victoria High School. As a member of the Portia Debating Society she showed unmistakable talent and frequently expressed a desire to take up the stage as a profession.

Two years ago Miss Gibson left with her mother for San Francisco and the extent of her progress in things theatrical may be judged by the prominence which is given in The San Francisco Examiner of recent date, announcing that "Laurine Gibson, talented amateur, is to take a leading role in the comedy, 'Stray Cats,' to be produced for the Rockridge Chapter of the Order of De Molay." The announcement was accompanied by a picture of Miss Gibson. On January 5 Miss Gibson will realize her ambition to become a professional, for on that day she will enter into an engagement with a San Francisco company.

PRESENTATION OF PLATE

An added and altogether unexpected feature to the social gathering of the Burnside Lawn Bowling Club on Saturday last was the presentation of a beautiful piece of plate to Mr. and Mrs. George Vallance from the members of the club.

James Renfrew, president, in a very genial speech, made the presentation on behalf of the members. He referred eulogistically to the work of Mrs. Vallance in connection with the club and the secretary, Mr. Vallance, in their efforts to promote the upbuilding of an organization which promises ultimately to become beneficial to the community in other directions, the bowling green being a good basis for other branches of local effort.

Mrs. Vallance expressed her thanks and the secretary spoke suitably on the very estimable spirit manifest in the club and displayed by its friends in the district not only during the Christmas season but throughout all the year.

Next Saturday Mr. and Mrs. John Paterson of Harriet Road, will entertain and the club quarters will be seasonably decorated.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL

T. Carson, Vancouver contractor, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new four-roomed public school at Brechin, near Nanaimo. It was announced at the Public Works Department to-day. The building will cost \$15,000.

An old Chinese, delivering laundry in a "Wild West" mining camp, heard a noise and noticed a huge brown bear sniffing his tracks in the newly fallen snow.

"Huh!" he gasped. "You like my tracks, I makee some more."

"Jack Newrich seems to have quite a lot of common sense."

"Don't let his mother hear you say that; she hates anything common."



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, and Mr. C. H. Baldwin, of Okanagan Mission, are visiting this city.

Miss Lillian Harvey of Edmonton will be the guest of Mrs. Clibborn in this city for several weeks.

Mr. Harry Hooton of Stewart is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Victoria.

Mrs. Burckett of Westholme is a visitor in Victoria and is a guest at the Balmoral Hotel.

Mrs. E. T. Arden of Shirley, B.C., is spending a few days in Victoria as a guest at the Balmoral Hotel.

Miss Wenona Marlett and Miss Snyder have left for Powell River to spend Christmas with friends there.

Mr. C. Garner Johnson, of Vancouver, is spending the holiday here, and is registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Alfred Harvey of Vancouver is spending his holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Grimsom, Springfield Avenue.

Mr. Edward Auld of Edmonton, after spending a short time in Victoria left to-day to spend a holiday in Seattle.

Mrs. George H. Sauls and Miss Jean Cotter of Victoria were guests at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, last week.

Mr. D. B. Robinson of Admiral's Road, Esquimalt, has as his guest for the Christmas holidays, Mr. Eric Smith of Stewart.

Mr. Earl Head of Vancouver passed through Victoria to-day on his way to spend Christmas with his parents at Shawinigan Lake.

Dr. Emery of San Francisco is spending a week in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emery, Fernwood Road.

Mr. Adrian Fletcher of Vancouver is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fletcher, 1600 Carberry Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yarwood, Lee Avenue, left on the midnight boat for Vancouver en route to Squamish to spend the holidays with their son.

Colonel and Mrs. W. N. Winsby of Cranmore Road entertained last evening at a delightful dinner in honor of their daughter, Miss Gwen Winsby.

Dr. and Mrs. Adams of Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Van Rosten of Vancouver will be the guests of Mrs. H. P. Bullen for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nixon and little daughter of Wilmet Place left for the Christmas holidays to spend the holidays with Mrs. Nixon's parents.

Mr. George Edwards who has been reading in Stewart for a number of months is spending the Christmas

VICAR DENOUNCES BRIDAL MAKE-UP

Brides come in as Blushing Blondes, Go Out Brunettes

Kingston, England, Dec. 24.—Rev. A. W. Orr, vicar of St. Paul's Church, Kingston Hill, has come out against the use of paint and powder by women. Writing to his parishioners, the vicar says:

"Even while we are signing the marriage registers in the church vestry, the bride may get in a few moments' work before the mirror with the powder puff, scissors and a bottle. The man who came into church in love with a blushing blonde takes out on his arm a blooming, bobbed brunette."

"Some wives are so constantly changing their appearance that their husbands are in perpetual dread of being arrested for bigamy."

Invited guests included the Misses Pamela Winslow, Sheila McBride, Helen Hemmelford, Alice Code, Jean Johnson, Betty Seale, Betty Christie, Mary Martin, Carita Leeder, Margaret Homer-Dixon, Betty, Bapty, Kathleen Haynes, Mary Sutherland, Louise Wilkerson, Pamela Charleswood, Kathleen Holmes, Mary Martin-Griffin of Vancouver, Jean Campbell, Helen Campbell, Marjorie Fraser, Marjorie Mitchell, Barbara Grant, Marion Ferris, Masters Jim Redpath, Jim Martin, Allan McLean, Douglas Cree, Billy Oliver, Charles Heisterman, Lewis Campbell, John Symons, John Lecky, Logan Roundling, Harry Bapty, Darcie Scott, Martin Wilson, Kirby Hercher, E. McInosh, D. Mulligan, Donald Campbell, Eric Spurgin, Tom Christie, Ernest Code, Monckland Charleswood and John Hedley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyrie Symons entertained at a delightful dinner at St. Michael's School on Monday evening in honor of their sons, Kyrie and Ned. Dinning took place in the gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors, and Miss Thain's orchestra furnished the music.

Among the many guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Todd, Masters Joe and Dick Todd, Major and Mrs. Sisman, Miss Price, Mr. and Mrs. Haddon, Captain and Mrs. Mogg, Mr. and Mrs. Gillatt and Master Alan Gillatt, Mr. Tolson, Miss Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Willinson, Mr. Percy Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew, Captain Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael and Pat Carmichael, Mrs. McConnon and Douglas McConnon, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Aldous, Mr. Ronald Naah, Miss Naah, Mrs. Mair, Mr. Alec McPhillips, Mr. Burke McPhillips, Miss Stirling, Bunty Stirling, E. Money, Eileen Money, Jack Watson, Mr. Colman, Miss Ashworth, Mrs. Cockeram, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Smith (Stewart), Jack and Miss Mary Langley, Ellen Hart, Bar Hart, Mary Higgs, Betty Higgs, Gwen Jones, Lilian Norris, Freddy Norris, Esson Young, Fyvie Young, Mr. Vulliamy, Miss Batten, Mrs. Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin, Jim Clarke, Billy Winter, Alfred Powell, Phil Haddon, Rocke Robertson, Louis Scott-Moncrieff, Dick Rogers, Gladys Hinton, Violet Hinton, Eden Quantin, Jack Holmes, Charlie Dupont, Mr. Terryman and Mr. Smethwaite.

Miss Vivian Moggy arrived in the city this afternoon from Vancouver to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moggy, 234 Vancouver Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fraser of 637 Rupert Street left for Vancouver on Monday afternoon's boat to spend the holidays with Mrs. Fraser's mother, Mrs. S. M. Harris.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Hodges of Devonshire House entertained a few guests in honor of her niece, Miss Hope Hodges, who is a student at the Victoria College.

Mrs. C. N. Gowen and Mrs. Crawford Pennell have returned from spending a few days in Seattle, where they were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. E. A. Adams.

Miss Muriel and Miss Lena Galt are expected in town from their home in Montreal to spend some time visiting their brother here, Mr. Elliott Galt, St. Charles Street.

Miss Henderson has arrived from Vancouver and will be the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Galt, Rockland Avenue, over the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ogilvie and their little son have arrived from Lake Lenore, B.C., to spend Christmas with Mr. Ogilvie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. V. Robertson, 1343 Pembroke Street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Crowther and Master Billy Crowther of Vancouver are spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guest of Mrs. Crowther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pease, Cadboro-Bay Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay and Miss Peggy Gourlay left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver where for the Christmas holidays they will be the guests of Mrs. T. M. Macdonald, law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Billings.

Mrs. Gaudin has left to spend the Christmas holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. Harvey at Napp Island. Miss Katie Gaudin will also spend the Christmas season with Colonel and Mrs. Harvey.

General and Mrs. A. D. McEae and Miss Peggy McEae, accompanied by Mrs. McEae's mother, Mrs. Howie of Minneapolis, are leaving Vancouver about January 10 for Cuba and Florida, where they will spend the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Beeston of Vancouver are spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guest of Mrs. Beeston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bagshaw, Richardson Street.

Mr. Noel Bagshaw is also the guest of his parents for the Christmas season.

Mrs. F. R. Wilgess arrived at the Coast on Monday from England and after a brief visit to her niece, Mrs. Tom Ramsay in Vancouver, has come over to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilgess, 2464 Windsor Road. She will later return to Vancouver for an indefinite stay before leaving for England.

The following were the prize-winners at the military 500 and dance held Friday evening in the Conservative Room, Campbell Building, under the auspices of the Cedar Hill Lawn Bowling Club: A. Townsend, H. A. Laycock, J. Townsend, T. Wilson, Mrs. McCallum, T. Hearst, C. E. King, Mr. Housley, Mrs. F. C. King, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Dewar, O. Campbell, Mrs. Moffitt, Mr. Staden, Mr. Parker, Mr. J. Robinson and Mr. Miles.

A very enjoyable time was spent on Monday evening in games and dancing at Strawberry Vale Hall, in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Turnbull and Mr. E. Stanley Fisher, who are shortly to be married and leave for England. Among the many guests were Mrs. F. Fisher, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Longland, Mrs. Spreadborough, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, the Misses King, Marjorie and Gertrude Foster, Mrs. Marie Fisher, Annie Bull, Rose Lorden, Victoria Lemmas, Margaret Christie, Kitty Freethy, K. Raper, Christie King and Agnes Turnbull. The Messrs. Lovell, Sea, Fred Holmes, Denny Rives, Allan Kenneth and Phil Foster, George and Howard Robinson, Tom Fisher, George Mann, Ralph Freethy and Harold Lorden.

Mrs. A. J. Fraser entertained last evening at a delightful dinner at her home on Joan Crescent in honor of her daughter, Miss Sybil Fraser. In the various rooms holly and chrysanthemums were effectively com-

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ALBERNI

The dance given in the G.W.V.A. Hall, Port Alberni, on Friday last by Waide's Orchestra, was a huge success in every way. The hall was very tastefully decorated under the capable management of Mr. Sid Williamson. The many new and novel features of the dance itself were heartily enjoyed by all present. The orchestra was in good form and the merry throng danced from 9 p.m. to about 3 a.m. An excellent supper was served at 11.30 p.m. by an energetic committee of ladies from both towns, who deserve great credit for the excellent repast they provided. As a result of the dance the Santa Claus fund for the needy was swelled by some \$250.

At a meeting of the committee held in the City Hall, Port Alberni, on Saturday afternoon, some twenty families were reported to be in need of circumstances and each case was considered on its merits and a committee appointed to purchase the necessary articles for each family, including Mrs. C. Murray, Mrs. C. E. Motte and E. M. Whyte. The purchasing is completed the goods will all be assembled at Waterhouse's pool room and distributed from there on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Dora Bayne, who is now a resident of California, is here to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Spencer left on the train this morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Spencer's parents in Vancouver.

Miss L. A. Marcon was a passenger on Tuesday morning's train to spend Christmas with friends in Vancouver.

NEW VICAR-GENERAL

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Mr. Thomas A. Welch of St. Paul has been appointed vicar-general of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul. He will succeed Mr. J. J. Sievin of Fairbault, who died suddenly. Mr. Welch is now in Rome and will assume his new duties when he returns next March.

OPPOSE CHURCH UNION

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—The first Presbyterian congregation in Alberta to complete its vote on church union and send returns to the headquarters was St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

SIDNEY

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. McNeil are congratulating them on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Winslow has gone to San Francisco for a holiday to visit his son.

Mrs. Dundas of Vancouver is staying for Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Captain and Mrs. Philip.

The usual weekly card party of the Deep Bay Social Club was held in the club hall on Monday night. Eight tables were occupied. Progressive 500 was played. Winners of the first prizes were Mrs. Thomas, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. Bert Copthorne tied, the latter won on the cut. Supper was in charge of Mr. Sales.

SAYWARD

Rev. Mr. Scott, accompanied by his wife and brother, conducted community singing in the lower school-house on Friday evening, December 19. A committee was appointed, consisting of Miss Macdonald, Miss Henry, Miss Morton, Messrs. H. Lewis and I. Howes. This committee is to take this work in hand, and arrange for other meetings.

Marshall Gark, Jack and Dick Duncan, have returned to spend their Christmas holidays with their folks.

Miss C. Blakemore and Miss L. Bagshaw, the district school teachers, left for their homes in Alberni, where they intend to spend their Christmas holidays.

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BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily's Christmas

(By Howard R. Garis.)

'Twas the day before Christmas, and all through the bungalow floated the perfume of Uncle Wiggily's cocoa.

At least that's what the old rabbit gentleman called the hot chocolate drink Nurse Jane was getting ready for him.

"Is my cocoa ready?" he called to his muskrat lady housekeeper. "Must soon hop out and see if anything is ready for Christmas. The hot cocoa will keep me warm."

"Here it is," said Miss Pussy Wuzzey, coming in the dining room with a steaming cup. "But I wish you wouldn't call it cocoa. It's just cocoa!"

"Well, cocoa or cocoa, it is very good," laughed the rabbit. Then, having sipped it, he twinkled his pink nose and hopped out to look for



"This is queer," said Uncle Wiggily.

the last adventure he would have before Christmas.

As the rabbit uncle skipped along, he came to the edge of a hill, and just below the edge, he saw a little house with a chimney sticking up through the roof, as all chimneys stick.

"But that is a very black and dirty chimney," said Uncle Wiggily to himself. For standing on the edge of the hill, he could look down on the roof of the little house and directly into the chimney. "It is very black indeed and dirty with soot. I haven't been cleaned out for Christmas. Santa Claus can never climb down that chimney. I had better clean it out. I can easily jump down on that roof and jump back here again on the hill."

So taking with him a fluffy branch from a pine tree, which branch was a big bush, Uncle Wiggily

leaped to the roof of the house with the sooty chimney.

"I guess some one lives here who has forgotten all about Santa Claus and Christmas," thought the bunny as he thrust the pine branch into the chimney. "They didn't clean the flue out so St. Nicholas could climb down. But I'll do it for them."

Now, though Uncle Wiggily didn't know it, this house was on into which the Fox had just moved for the winter. And the Fox was inside, sitting by his fire, and wishing he had Uncle Wiggily's ears to nibble.

And when the Fox heard some one up on his roof and heard a scraping inside his chimney the Fox growled:

"I wonder who that is? I'll go outside and look. If it's boys playing 'Hallowe'en' tricks on me, I'll hit 'em. You see the Fox never gave any thought to anything so jolly as Christmas—no indeed!"

Slipping out of his back door the Fox hid behind some bushes and looked up to his roof. There, to his great surprise, he saw Uncle Wiggily cleaning out the chimney with the pine branch.

"Well, of all the good luck!" laughed the Fox. "I'll go up on the hill, jump to my roof, and the rabbit will have done, and then I'll nibble his ears! At last I have caught him! Ha! Ha!"

But just as the Fox was going to leap from the hill to the roof Uncle Wiggily leaped over too far and down the chimney he fell, right inside the house of the Fox. So quick was he up on his own roof, and didn't jump down in time.

"Foolish again!" howled the bad chap, as the bunny ran safely home. And the next day was the grandest time of all the year.

"Merry Christmas!" cried the bunny as he looked at the presents under the Christmas tree.

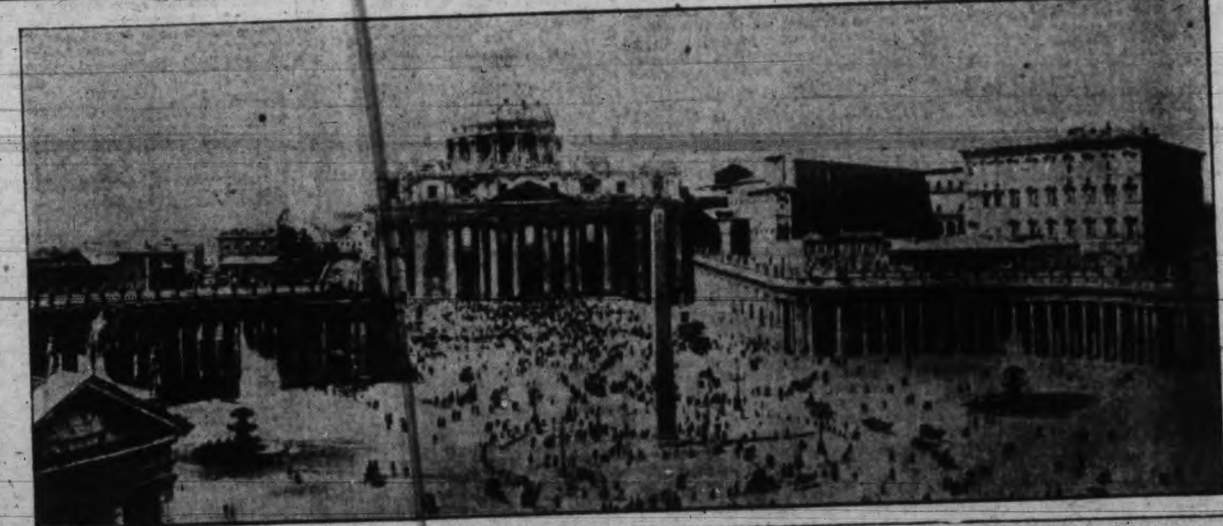
"Merry Christmas!" answered the muskrat lady. And then Uncle Wiggily called to all the boys and girls: "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!"

And I suppose you wish him the same. And if the paint brush doesn't put red ink on the loaf of bread to make it look like a strawberry shortcake, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and Sammie's candy.

CONVICT TO BE WHIPPED

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Five years in the penitentiary and two whippings of ten lashes each made up the sentence imposed yesterday by Magistrate Shaw on Joseph Bowditch, "home-bred" charged with holding up the English Bay Confectionery and the store of P. Pappas.

SCENE OF HOLY YEAR CEREMONY TO-DAY; BASILICA OF ST. PETER, ROME



THOUSANDS AT ROME CEREMONY TO-DAY

(Continued from page 1)

struck thrice the massive Holy Door, which, in accordance with plans previously worked out by the "sam-pietrini"—the corps of workmen permanently employed to keep the great edifice in repair—yielded to these blows, gradually falling open. It will remain open during Holy Year, after which the door will be replaced and will remain closed another twenty-five years until opened again with the same ceremony.

MANY BELLS RANG

Immediately after the Holy Door had fallen open and was rolled away on casters that had previously been attached, the news was proclaimed by the pealing of the bells of the great mother church, in which the bells of all the other 400 churches of the Eternal City joined.

The inhabitants of Rome are familiar with many of the ceremonies in St. Peter's which pilgrims from afar would give a great deal to see, but the ritual of opening the Holy Door is only for the thousands of pilgrims and tourists who already had arrived, but also for tens of thousands of Romans who can see the great dome of Michael Angelo any time as they go about their daily tasks.

All around the portico, even under

the statue of Constantine, were tribunes and taxes decorated in red and gold for the diplomatic corps; the Roman aristocracy, the Order of Malta, the family of the Pope, and one section reserved for members of visiting royal families. In a special place facing the throne was erected a stand for the Sistine choir, conducted by Alberto Pasqualetti, and for the six heralds with their six famous silver trumpets for announcing the arrival and departure of the Pope.

The main aisle of the basilica had been pulled off, leaving it free for the papal procession, while the remainder of the interior was reserved for the Pope.

All the members of the College of Cardinals living in Rome or who came for the purpose were present, except Cardinals Delal, Vannutelli and Pom-pili, who meanwhile were opening the Holy Doors of the basilicas of St. Paul's, Santa Maria Maggiore and St. John Lateran, respectively. Each cardinal in the procession was accompanied by a train-bearer and by a master of ceremonies in Elizabethan costume.

TRUMPETS SOUNDED

The arrival of the Pope, in the portico was heralded by the six silver trumpets sounding the celebrated pontifical march composed by Longhi. While everybody knelt he descended from the Sedia Gestatoria and went to the papal throne. All eyes turned toward the Pope, who, after praying, ascended the steps leading to the Holy Door and struck it three times

with the golden hammer, saying as he did so: "Aperite mihi portas iustitiae." And the singing chaplains answered: "Ingressus in eas confitebor domino."

The blows of the golden hammer struck a large slate tablet put up for the purpose on which a cross had been engraved. The yielding of the door to the pontiff's blows was not immediate. He went back to his throne, and it was only then, several moments later, that the master of ceremonies, by means of a special yellow silk rope at the other end of which a bell was attached, notified the "sam-pietrini" on the other side that the ceremony was over, and that the door might now be let down.

Slowly the massive door was lowered, and was immediately rolled away.

This done, the penitentiaries of the Vatican basilica, using sponges, washed with holy water all the parts of the aperture left bare after the Holy Door was removed, and also dried these parts by specially-blessed towels. At this moment the bells of St. Peter's, followed by those of Rome's other 400 churches, pealed forth the tidings that the Holy Year had actually begun.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Simultaneously the Pope, standing erect on the throne, chanted prayers of thanksgiving for having granted him grace for inaugurating the Holy Year and the Sistine choir sang the sublime music of Palestrina. Then the Pope, holding a lighted candle in his left hand and a cross in his right, went to the Holy Door and knelt on

its threshold, singing by Cardinals Biletti and Lega, and then by all the other cardinals, who kissed the door-post as they passed.

Pope Pius then went into the chapel of the Pietà, where he entrusted the custody of the Holy Door for the ensuing year to the religious brotherhoods of Rome. In so doing he delivered an address in which he recalled the meanings of the Holy Year and Holy Door. He explained that the Holy Door is symbolical of the marvelous eternal doors of the City of God, to which admission is granted only to those who have purified themselves through expiation or through acquiring indulgence. He emphasized the importance of the injunction that the Holy Door should never be profaned, and ended imparting the apostolic benediction.

APOSTOLIC BLESSING

After a short rest the Pope again entered the Sedia Gestatoria and, in the same procession as that preceding the opening of the Holy Door, was carried to the altar of the confession in the centre of the basilica directly underneath the great dome.

Standing at the altar, the Holy Father, after having read the ritual formula of the benediction, imparted the apostolic blessing to the kneeling multitude. Afterward, Cardinals Biletti and Lega read in the Latin and Italian languages the formula of the plenary indulgences granted for the jubilee year.

This over, His Holiness, still carried in the same procession, retired

to his apartments and the ceremony was ended.

In the afternoon the main doors of St. Peter's were thrown open to the public, and great streams of devout flowed past the Holy Door, each kissing the doorpost as he passed.

FREE TRADERS OPPOSING MEAT PLAN IN BRITAIN

Liberal Papers Say Discrimination Against Argentina Would be Mistake

Preferred Place For Dominions in British Market is Being Discussed

London, Dec. 24.—The Liberal anti-protection newspapers have taken up arms in opposition to the rumored intention of the Government to discriminate against foreign meat, and while declaring their skepticism concerning the whole story, argue that if the suggested scheme is started, it is bound to fail.

Argentina's position as principal exporter of beef to Great Britain is unassailable, they say, not only because Argentine meat is better than Australian meat, but because the British trade with Argentina is too valuable for any government to attempt to discourage.

Australian dispatches express great satisfaction at the reported adoption of the preference scheme, which they say is identical with that submitted to the British Government on behalf of the Australian Meat Council last May. The dispatches give rosy predictions of meat price reductions to be expected in Great Britain when the plan is put into effect.

MOOSE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Monday evening last the Loyal Order of Moose entertained the children of members with a Christmas tree and picture show, and about 300 little ones were made happy.

In addition to the Moose kiddies the little ones from the Protestant Orphanage and the Children's Aid Society were invited and all shared equally in the distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

The basement of the Knights of Pythias Hall was tastefully decorated with streamers, flags, mottoes, evergreen palms and the insignia of the order, and the tree with its various lights and decorations was a sight to behold. Selections of popular melodies were rendered by the Moose band and the numerous choruses

were joined in by all present, and made quite a hit.

The pictures shown by Brother E. W. Belton, which were of a comic and educational nature, brought down the house and came to an end all too soon as far as the kiddies were concerned.

Santa arrived on the scene by way of the fireplace about 8.30, and his arrival caused intense excitement, and it was some considerable time before he was able to begin the distribution of the mountain of good things.

Every child present received a gift as well as candies and fruit from the hands of Santa, who was a very tired old man when the proceedings came to a close about 10 o'clock.

A capable committee, consisting of Brothers Andrews, Brown, Fry, Mahon, Quaintance, Ellis, Tranter, Rose, Ross, Ward, Browne-Cave, Flomman, Copeland and Pearce rendered valuable service in various ways and deserve credit for the great success of the entertainment. Thanks are extended to A. J. Watson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, through whose kindness Santa was enabled to be present, and to dear old Santa himself (Mr. Belton Sr.), also to Joe North for the provision of tally-hoes for the transportation of the children from the Orphanage and Children's Aid Society.

Thompson: "Suppose a man should call you a fool, what would you do?" Jones (hesitatingly): "What sized man?"

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ALL SHIPS LATE IN DOCKING HERE

Weather Still Boisterous Off Coast; Empress Expected Early To-morrow

The latest word from Capt. A. J. Halley aboard the Empress of Australia states that the vessel will probably make quarantine at William Head here by 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. It is thought that the Empress has now almost run clear of the gale, which has been blowing off the West Coast of Vancouver Island for the past two or three days, with ever-changing force, and she will now make better time than she has done for some forty-eight hours. When questioned as to the probable time of the ship's arrival here, officials of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service stated this morning that they were momentarily expecting further word from the ship, but that Capt. Halley's latest word had said that the vessel would dock here shortly after 7 a.m.

The Blue Funnel liner Portesluis is also delayed about twenty-four hours by the storm, and will not arrive until Friday. That vessel carries a heavy cargo for coast ports, and her officers and men were anxious to be in Victoria for the Christmas celebrations. Unfortunately the weather is not made to their order. The ship is laboring many miles from port and some distance behind the Empress of Australia.

The Emma Alexander, due to arrive here to-morrow, is making good time up the coast from San Francisco, but she, too, has had her share of heavy

CAPT. J. GRIFFITH MARRIES COUPLE

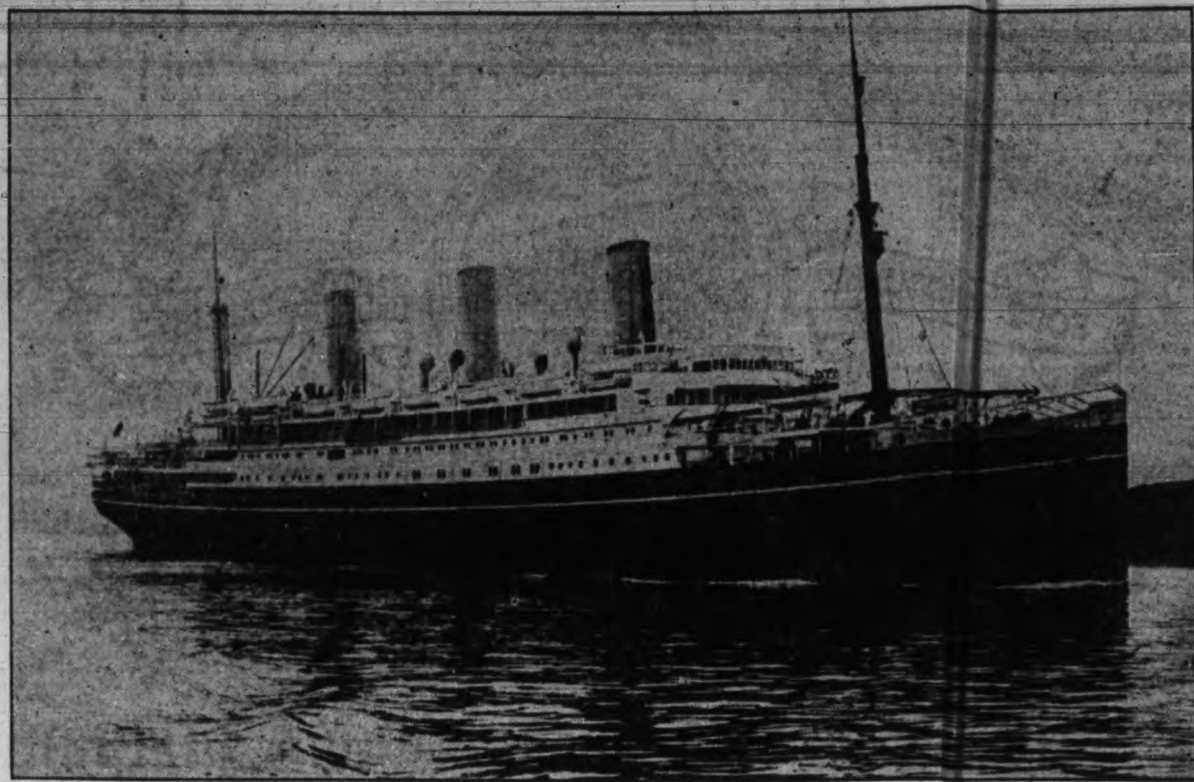
Performs Marriage Ceremony Aboard President Jackson Out of Shanghai

When the President Jackson arrived in this port yesterday an interesting story of romance was told by officers of the ship. When the vessel was outward bound Miss Helen Huntington took passage from Seattle for Shanghai. The young lady was reserved. Passengers and officers alike could not account for the lady's aloofness until the ship arrived at Kobe, and as soon as the gangway was up at Kobe a young man named Del Havercamp hurriedly boarded the liner.

He had booked passage to Kobe from Shanghai. When the ship was only a few hours out of Shanghai, Mr. Havercamp sought out Capt. John Griffith. The captain was agreeable, and the whole ship's company witnessed one of the prettiest weddings that ever has taken place aboard ship. Miss Huntington, or Mrs. Havercamp, no longer held aloof.

Before she and her husband left the ship at Shanghai they had gained every passenger and officer aboard as a staunch friend and admirer. Both young people are graduates of the University of Washington.

EXPECTED HERE EARLY CHRISTMAS MORNING FROM ORIENT



C.P.O.S. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA

She is fighting her way through heavy weather with a valuable silk cargo, but a small list of passengers, boards this port, and is expected to dock shortly after 7 o'clock to-morrow morning, according to the latest wireless dispatches.

ATTEMPT TO RAISE FERRY BOAT TO-DAY

Salvage Ship and Crew Working on Cascade in Brentwood Arm

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Pacific Salvage Company's ship Salvage Chief and her crew will start raising the ferry boat Cascade from where she lies between the landing piles at the ferry slip, Mill Bay. It will not take long, officials of the Cascade Freight and Towing Company said this morning, to raise the little ship, and once she is out from the way of the piles operations will be simplified.

It is thought that a temporary patch will be placed on her hull and that she will then proceed to Yarrow's Limited plant, Esquimalt, there to undergo necessary repairs following her encounter with the ice on the Saanich Arm.

The Salvage Chief will tow the ferry boat to Esquimalt, and the Cascade will go into the marine ways immediately on her arrival. Work on her hull is not thought to be very serious. It is not known whether or not her timbers have been sprung or whether she has just come uncaulked. At any rate, she will have protecting steel plates put along her sides, that in future she will be beyond any danger of mishap. Her operators said this morning that she would be back to work again and ready for any volume of business at her old schedule in a very few days.

It was a "pleasant" Christmas present," one of the company said this morning, "but we are not discouraged. We shall still carry on, and that very shortly."

SHIPPING BODIES TO BE DIVIDED

Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation to Be Separate Organizations

Washington, Dec. 24.—In line with the desire of President Coolidge, separation of the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, operation of which have been in conflict, has been put under way.

A resolution adopted by the board yesterday produced the immediate result of relieving friction described recently in the testimony of President Palmer of the Fleet Corporation and others before the house committee investigating the board and in the opinion of Mr. Palmer, probably will carry out the wishes of the president until legislation can be enacted to separate the two bodies completely by law.

Adoption of the resolution will bring no let-down in efforts to obtain this legislation, Chairman Jones of the Senate commerce committee having announced his intention of drafting a bill to carry out the president's idea. While the resolution might act as a temporary measure, Mr. Jones believes no permanent separation can be made without legislation. His bill, it is understood, will separate the two organizations more broadly than does the resolution.

Shipping Board and Fleet Corporation officials pointed out that since the board's resolution is revocable, it cannot be looked upon as permanent divorce of the two bodies. The board's action, it was indicated, will be considered by the investigating committee at a meeting to be called by Representative Edmonds, Pennsylvania, its acting chairman, early in January.

The harmful effect of impurities in the electrolyte of automobile and other storage batteries is the subject of an investigation now in progress at the Bureau of Standards. Results up to the present time have shown that some impurities are harmful to both plates of the battery, some to only one, while still others have no apparent effect.

The investigation has now been in progress for more than a year, the plates being immersed in electrolytes to which known amounts of impurities have been added.

Data obtained to the present time indicate that, among the impurities which affect both positive and negative plates are iron, manganese, chlorine and the bichromates. Bismuth, starch and sugar affect the positive plate, but not the negative; while platinum, tin, copper, antimony, silver, nitrogen and tungsten affect only the negative plate. Among the many substances which appear to produce no harmful effects are mercury, alum, titanium, calcium, zinc, cadmium, sodium sulphate and tannic acid.

The finding of true bills against the policemen, the raiding of forty-seven alleged saloons in Jersey City and Newark by federal agents from New York City, and the charges made by Cassius Wilson, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, that there are "a few hundred open saloons" here, furnished the high lights of the prohibition enforcement situation.

Schuylerville, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Fire yesterday destroyed the plant and stock of the Standard Wallpaper Company in this city, causing a loss estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

RANCHER SAVES

Salt Spring Island, Dec. 24.—Charlie Gardner and his sons had a narrow escape from death in an early morning blaze at their home. Mr. Gardner awakened to find the house filled with smoke. He rushed to where his two boys lay almost overcome with smoke in their sleep. All three staggered in their nightclothes into fresh air. The house was gutted, with practically nothing saved.



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L. M. HIGHT SENT PRISON FOR LIFE

Mrs. Elsie Sweetin Given Thirty-five Years in Illinois For Murder

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 24.—The jury trying Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, early to-day returned a verdict of guilty. Hight was given life imprisonment and Mrs. Sweetin was given thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

COMPROMISE VERDICT

The jurors stated that after the verdict they had been unanimously for finding both defendants guilty from the first ballot, but that there had been wide differences as to the punishment to be inflicted upon Mrs. Sweetin. The unanimity inflicted upon her, the jurors said, represented a compromise.

Only two of the jurors had favored infliction of the death penalty upon Hight. None voted for the hanging of Mrs. Sweetin.

HEARD IN SILENCE

The two defendants received the verdict in silence and with no outward display of emotion.

The attorneys for both sides gave formal notice that they would ask for a new trial.

HIT CANAL BANK

Panama, Dec. 24.—The steamship Anglo-Egyptian, from Vancouver for Gibraltar with wheat, struck the east bank of the Panama Canal at Lapita Point yesterday and is now beached at Gaaboa. She will be returned to Balboa for repairs.

Part of the cargo was ruined by water, and the remainder is being unloaded into canal barges.

A regular service will be maintained between San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Philippines via Guam, the company announced.

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FLOATED FREE

Seattle, Dec. 24.—The steamer Eagle was on her way to San Francisco from Bellingham, Wash., today, after being stuck for four hours in a shallow near Anacortes, Wash., soon after leaving Bellingham with lumber and with the Atlantic coast as her ultimate destination, the Eagle was fast. But she floated when the tide rose. She is of the United American Line.

Two Big Liners to Be Built in the U.S.

New York, Dec. 24.—Congress will be asked to-day by the Shipping Board for permission to construct two new Atlantic liners of the type of the George Washington, E. C. Plummer, vice-chairman of the board, announced.

This, Mr. Plummer said, was the answer of the Shipping Board to reports that American shipping was vanishing from the seas.

The George Washington and the Leviathan are now the two major ships of the United States lines and the new ships would be used to supplement the service now being carried on by them.

SEATTLE SHIPPING

Seattle, Dec. 24.—The steamship President Jackson arrived yesterday with a valuable cargo, 235 passengers and 2,375 bags of mail from the Orient. She was the last Admiral Oriental Line to reach this city before Christmas. As the steamship President McKinley is being reconditioned here, the President Jackson is to sail for the Orient January 3.

With one of the largest shipments of coconuts ever shipped in on vessel from the Philippine Islands the Admiral Oriental Line freighter Eldridge is due here December 3, agents of the vessels announced yesterday.

In the cargo being carried by the freighter Wheatland, Montana, on here January 3, is an extensive shipment of peanut oil.

BATTLED STORM

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 24.—The first-masted lumber schooner St. Francis docked here early to-day with a heavy list and her cargo shaken up after fighting a thirty-five-mile gale off shore during the night.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

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Empress of Australia	Hail	2150	C.P.R.	Dec. 24
Portesluis	Yamauchi	2418	Rittha	Dec. 24
Arizona Maru	Yamauchi	2418	N.Y.K.	Dec. 25

COASTWISE MOVEMENTS

For Vancouver	From Vancouver
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 11:45 a.m.	C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 7 a.m.
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 1:45 p.m.	C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 3 p.m.
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4:30 p.m.	C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 10:30 p.m.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Day	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
1	7	44	4	21
2	7	47	4	20
3	7	49	4	20
4	7	50	4	20
5	7	51	4	19
6	7	52	4	19
7	7	53	4	19
8	7	54	4	18
9	7	55	4	18
10	7	56	4	18
11	7	57	4	17
12	7	58	4	17
13	7	59	4	17
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22	7	59	4	12
23	7	59	4	12
24	7	59	4	11
25	7	59	4	11
26	7	59	4	10
27	7	59	4	10
28	7	59	4	9
29	7	59	4	9
30	7	59	4	8
31	7	59	4	8

C.C.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Highlander left Victoria for United Kingdom December 12.	Canadian Importer arrived Vancouver.
Canadian Inventor due Victoria December 23 from Panama.	Canadian Planter left Victoria for Antipodes November 26.
Canadian Prospector arrived Boston December 2.	Canadian Scottish arrived St. John.
Canadian Miller left for Yokohama December 7.	Canadian Steamer arrived Panama.
Canadian Steamer left Ocean Falls December 20.	Canadian Farmer arrived San Francisco December 19.
Canadian Rover left Powell river December 16.	Canadian Observer left Astoria December 17.
Canadian Trooper & Vancouver.	Canadian Volunteer at Vancouver.
Canadian Spinner left Victoria for New York December 23.	Canadian Transporter left Glasgow for Victoria December 15.
Canadian Freight left Panama for Plymouth December 2.	The Victoria office of the Canadian National Railways received no word of the movement of the Canadian Britisher.

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS

China and Japan	Thailand	India	Europe
Shanghai Jan. 4, Hongkong Jan. 7, Taichung Jan. 10, Hongkong Jan. 13, Europe Jan. 16, India Jan. 19, Thailand Jan. 22, China Jan. 25.	Yokohama Jan. 1, Hongkong Jan. 4, Europe Jan. 7, India Jan. 10, Thailand Jan. 13, China Jan. 16.	Yokohama Jan. 1, Hongkong Jan. 4, Europe Jan. 7, India Jan. 10, Thailand Jan. 13, China Jan. 16.	Yokohama Jan. 1, Hongkong Jan. 4, Europe Jan. 7, India Jan. 10, Thailand Jan. 13, China Jan. 16.

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Time	Temp.	Hum.	Wind	Clouds	Vis.
1	59.9	1.1	5.1	1.1	1.1
2	1.00	2.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
3	1.53	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
4	1.45	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
5	1.35	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
6	1.25	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
7	1.15	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
8	1.05	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
9	0.95	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
10	0.85	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
11	0.75	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
12	0.65	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
13	0.55	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
14	0.45	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
15	0.35	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
16	0.25	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
17	0.15	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
18	0.05	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
19	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
20	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
21	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
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23	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
24	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
25	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
26	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
27	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
28	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
29	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
30	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1
31	0.00	2.10	2.0	1.1	1.1

TIDE TABLE

Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
1	1.00	2.10	13	1.00	2.10
2	1.53	2.10	14	1.53	2.10
3	1.45	2.10	15	1.45	2.10
4	1.35	2.10	16	1.35	2.10
5	1.25	2.10	17	1.25	2.10
6	1.15	2.10	18	1.15	2.10
7	1.05	2.10	19	1.05	2.10
8	0.95	2.10	20	0.95	2.10
9	0.85	2.10	21	0.85	2.10
10	0.75	2.10	22	0.75	2.10
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12	0.55	2.10	24	0.55	2.10
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for Victoria December 18.	14	..	9.38	8.41	13.25	8.21	14.14	8.3	..
Canadian Freighter left Panama for	15	..	6.03	2.4	9.37	8.4
Plymouth December 1.	16	..	8.42	2.9	9.69	8.4
The Victoria office of the Canadian	17	..	1.19	3.5	9.30	8.4
National Railways received no word	18	..	1.54	4.2	9.53	8.7	17.06	5.9	21.0
movement of the Canadian	19	..	2.27	4.9	10.17	8.7	17.33	4.9	22.0
	20	..	3.5	5.5	10.4	9.0	18.09	4.9	..

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Bishop of Columbia will preach at the 11 o'clock service to-morrow at Christ Church Cathedral. Holy communion will be held at 7, 9, 11 and 11 o'clock.

Charged with the theft of a car from P. A. Nicholls, Thomas Macdonald was remanded at his own request in city police court this morning for trial on Friday.

Mayor Hayward has received cards of greeting from Vancouver, Quebec City, St. John, N.B., and elsewhere conveying best wishes for the coming year.

Commissioner W. E. Ditchburn conveyed seasonal greetings to the Indian agents and aborigines in British Columbia, on the occasion of the Christmas season.

In the recent election of the Knights and Dames of the Thistle, Knight A. Jessiman, who held the position of Worthy Knight of the Grand Chair, now becomes Past Knight of the Grand Chair.

The Red Cross rooms, Belmont House, was a scene of busy activity yesterday making up Christmas hampers for the families of soldiers. Fifty hampers and parcels have been distributed and many cases of need attended to.

There will be little business before the school board on Monday evening, except to close the work of the year, and approve the municipal inspector's recommendations for the assignment of teachers for the ensuing term, which will open on January 5.

Walter Taddie, accused of breaking six window panes in city premises without reasonable explanation, was remanded again in city police court to-day for hearing in Friday. C. L. Harrison, for the Crown, suggested that the man should be re-examined by doctors as to his mental condition.

A petition for the construction of a tarmac-macadam road surface on Somers Drive, from Beach Drive to the eastern terminus of Somers, was received and filed by the Oak Bay Council last night without comment. A further petition seeking the change of the name Foul Bay Road to "Gonzales Bay" Road was received and filed.

Hugh Bell, secretary of the Mainland Hothouse Products Co-operative Association, advises that the firm of Oppenheimer Bros. Limited, 134 Abbott Street, Vancouver, has been appointed by the Mainland Hothouse Products Co-operative Association, to act as its broker for the year 1925. The Mainland association had a moderately successful season.

Fire originating from an electric iron was quelled by the city fire department.

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OTTAWA RULING ON FREIGHT RATES BEFORE YEAR ENDS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—"I hope to have an announcement before the New Year," said Premier King this afternoon after a lengthy meeting of Cabinet at which the appeal of the prairie provinces in the Crow's Nest Pass railway freight rate case was under consideration. Mr. King would not say whether or not a decision had been reached on the matter. There was no possibility of any announcement until after Christmas, however, he said.

partament at the Convent of the Order of Poor Clares, Haultain Street, Oak Bay, shortly after 7.30 last evening. A few hours later, at 10.37 o'clock a roof fire at 423 St. Charles Street gave the department the second run of the evening. Damage was confined to minor proportions in either case.

Tripping on a dressing gown, as she was descending the stairs at 1407 Blanshard Street, the family residence, Mrs. M. D. Haskett, wife of Captain Haskett, the well known local shipping man, sustained painful fractures between her wrist and elbow this morning. Mrs. Haskett was carrying a tray at the time, and slipped when her foot stepped on the trailing dressing gown. She was rushed to the Jubilee Hospital where bones were set in two fractures within a few inches of each other.

Pathetically sad were the circumstances surrounding the death of the late Abel Crump, 811 View Street, who lost his life following injuries sustained when his clothes caught fire on Monday afternoon. The victim of the tragedy was to have been one of a Christmas party at the home of his brother, R. W. Crump. His nieces and nephews had already purchased his presents, and to-morrow will lay these offerings in the vacant chair, under the belief that their uncle has gone away and will return. An inquest was held at R. C. Funerals. Company premises this morning, when the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

GANGES PERSONALS

Miss Valerie Maude of Mayne Island spent the week end at Ganges, a guest at Harbor House.

Mr. E. J. Day left on Tuesday for Vancouver.

Master Jack Ringwood returned home for the holidays.

Mr. Roy Campbell of Regina and Mrs. E. C. Campbell of Seattle are the guests of Mrs. R. Campbell.

Mrs. German and Miss German of Victoria are guests of Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Dean.

OBITUARY

The funeral of the late George Jeffrey Bothwell took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from the B.C. Funeral Chapel, proceeding to Christ Church Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. Dean QUINLAN in the presence of a large gathering of sympathizing friends. The casket and hearse were covered with many beautiful floral designs, and the members of the senior Bible Class, of Christ Church Cathedral, of which the young fellow was a member, attended in a body. The hymns sung were, "Nearer My God, Thee," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and Mrs. B. Parsons rendered a solo entitled, "Peace, Perfect Peace." Following young men acted as pallbearers: B. McMillen, A. McKinnon, E. Wachter, O. Taylor, R. Collinson and D. Maclean. The remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death occurred accidentally Tuesday evening in this city of Abel Crump, aged forty-three years. He was born in Lower Gornal, England, and had resided in Victoria for five years. Mr. Crump is survived by his mother and one sister, Mrs. F. H. Chadwick, and four brothers, Daniel, William and Arthur, all in England, and George Crump, in Victoria. The remains are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2.15.

There passed away early yesterday morning at her home at North Sooke, Mrs. Margaret Veitch, beloved wife of James Veitch, aged sixty-four years. For the past thirty years Mrs. Veitch has been a respected resident of Sooke district. The remains are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel. This funeral will take place Saturday morning at 10.30, proceeding to St. John's Church at Colwood, where service will be conducted at 11.30. Interment will be made at Colwood Cemetery.

Service for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Veitch was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of the B.C. Funeral Co. by the Rev. P. F. Chadwick. There was large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral designs covered the casket. The hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The pallbearers were: O. R. Harris, Wm. Chapman, W. W. Nall, N. Hirst and W. L. Hirst. The remains were laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

James Bay Hotel CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT 7.15 DINNER AND DANCE

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SAY CONFERENCE ON PROTOCOL IS NOT NEEDED

Australian Ministers Declare Cable or Letter Can Carry Their Views to London

Premier Bruce Reluctant to Leave Melbourne to Attend Empire Meeting

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable)—The Australian Commonwealth's attitude toward the proposed Empire conference in London in March on the peace arbitration protocol, according to The London Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Sydney, is that the Australian Government's view can be stated explicitly in writing or by cable, as there is every reason to anticipate general accord in the points of view of the British and Australian Governments.

The feeling among the members of the Australian Government, The Telegraph's Sydney correspondent says, is not favorable to Premier Bruce going personally to London to take part in the conference, especially as the deputy leader of the Government in the House of Representatives, Hon. E. C. G. Hage, Treasurer, will be on his way to Canada very shortly, and the delicate structure of the composite cabinet makes it difficult to delegate the leadership of the House to other hands.

"Doubtless Premier Bruce would arrange to go to London, the correspondent adds, if the questions of grave international or Empire importance should demand his presence there."

A BRIEF CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable)—In some quarters which, though unofficial, are entitled to consideration it is anticipated that the Empire conference which is being called by the British Government for discussion of the Geneva protocol will not extend more than a few days. It will not be similar to any previous imperial conference as it will be the first called to discuss a specific item of Empire policy, whereas previous conferences have discussed matters of general moment.

PRECEDENT CREATED

The Manchester Guardian says with reference to the proposed conference: "The late Government in its plans for getting closer co-operation on matters of foreign policy undoubtedly had in mind the severe criticism which Mr. King, the Canadian Premier, passed concerning the Chanak incident, when the Canadian Parliament even refused to ratify the Lausanne Treaty."

The Guardian points out that no future British Government will be able easily to ignore the new precedent which is now being created, and the creation undoubtedly will carry opposition with it.

FRENCH DEBT DELAY PLAN NOT APPROVED

U.S. Government Pays no Heed to Ambassador's Moratorium Suggestion

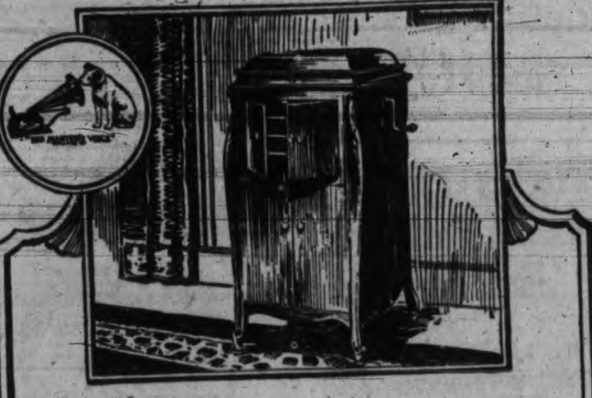
Washington, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge feels the United States Government can take no notice of French Ambassador Jusserand's suggestion voiced in a public address here, for a moratorium in the payment of the French war debt to the United States.

To have force, such a proposal must be laid before the United States Debt Funding Commission, and thus far no definite proposal of any sort has been communicated to that body by the French. "No high officials therefore will comment on the Ambassador's suggestion."

Mr. Coolidge himself feels comment would be out of place since the Ambassador chose to present the suggestion to the country through a public address when it was well known that the only way in which such a suggestion could be considered by the United States Government was through the channel provided by Congress in creating the Debt Commission.

LIQUOR MONEY IS PUT IN RESERVE

Of the last six months' Government liquor profits, \$21,922 was formally added to the Liquor Board's reserve fund by an order-in-council passed to-day. Other orders-in-council passed to-day appointed Walter V. Egan a stipendiary magistrate, and W. C. Warren of



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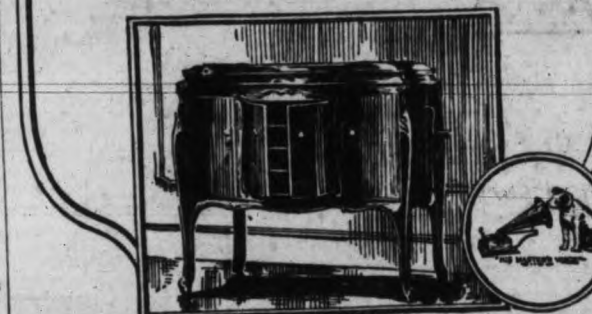
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FOOTBALL, BOXING, HOCKEY, SPORTING NEWS, BASKETBALL, GOLF

Victoria's Famous Hockey Machine to Make Formal Bow

Cougars Will Oppose Maroons at Arena To-morrow Afternoon in Great Game

Fraser and Loughlin on Defence With "Freddie," Foyston and Walker on Line

Make way for the Cougars. To-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Lester Patrick will exhibit to the hockey fans here for the first time this season his celebrated hockey machine, which sports writers in the different cities in the Western Canada Hockey Association say is the team to beat for the championship.

The Cougars will have as their guests for the Christmas fixture the Vancouver Maroons, whose destinies are in the hands of another of the Every fan here hopes that Santa Claus will be real nice and hand them the game tied up with all the trimmings. It is a big present to hope for, as the Cougars have defeated the Maroons in both games they have played this season, and the redskins are smarting for revenge.

SOLVES HIS PROBLEM

Lester was in a quandary this morning as to which players he would start in to-morrow's game. He was certain of one place and that was goal. "Happy" Holmes, who broke the hearts of Vancouver on Monday night, is sure to stand in front of the twine. No one can beat him out of the job.

"For the other positions it's a tough job," said Lester. "We have three defence men that are every bit as good as one another and on the forward line every man is going for the start of the game."

FOUR NEW FACES

"Red" Fraser will play right defence with Clem Loughlin, captain of the clan, on the left. Frank Erickson will perform on left wing and Jack Walker on the right boards.

This will give the Cougars a very formidable array and it will enable the fans to get a quick glimpse of the new-comers to Victoria uniforms. Walker, Foyston and Fraser were all ways admired by the club and now they are in the Victoria stable it will be interesting to see just how they go.

"Glazy" Hart, the youngster who made such a splash here last year; "Slim" Halderson, who is playing the best hockey of his career; and Mike McKee, whose sensational work made a great impression during the practice tour, and Jack Anderson, a hard-working lad whose specialty is galloping in for rebounds and making life miserable for opposing players, will all get their turn on the club this year, every man being considered of equal importance to the other. In Vancouver on Monday night Halderson and Fraser started and Loughlin watched the boys on the bench for awhile.

ALWAYS AT TOP SPEED

The fact that Victoria has so many stars makes it possible for them to maintain a hard pace all the way and fortify themselves against injury to any one member.

Vancouver has a very strong team which is bound to be a great factor in the race. Lehman is not ready for goal yet, but his understudy, Charlie Reid, is doing well. Art Duncan, one of the best defence men in the league, Mattie and Holy Rose are available for defence duty, while on the line the Maroons have the line of Boucher, Fraser, and Reinkens. Mickey MacKay and Reinkens. It is expected that one of the most interesting games will be played to-morrow afternoon. The game should be a hummer all the way, but the biggest attraction is the renovated Victoria team.

Boston Red Sox to Discard Veterans and Build New Team

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Manager Leo Fohl of the Boston Red Sox is ready to ask for waivers on Pitches Quinn, Pierce and Murray, he declared here today, adding that few veterans will be in this year's line-up.

"I thought I could finish in the first division, with a flock of stars whose brilliant play was becoming dimmed," Fohl said. "No such mistake will be made next year. We are going to build up a new team instead of patching one that is not worth patching."

TO RACE AT TIA JUANA

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, promoter of the New York sportsman, who owns a formidable string of racing thoroughbreds will have her colors carried this winter on the Tia Juana track in Mexico. A string of nine of her crack runners, including Cherry Pie, which holds the world's record for the mile, will be shipped next Saturday to the Far West.

Will Try Again



"LITTLE BILL"

New York, Dec. 24.—William M. Johnston, veteran California tennis star, will invade the East again next summer for the national championship and other title events despite the setbacks he sustained last season. This word is brought back from the Far West by William T. Tilden, national champion, and Johnston's keenest rival over the past few years.

According to Tilden, Johnston is looking to make another comeback attempt in 1925, and believes he still has a chance to break through to the top. Last season he was decisively beaten by Tilden in the national championship and later defeated by Vincent Richards, who displaced "Little Bill" in the Davis Cup singles, and who also is expected to lead the California team in the number two national ranking position for 1925.

Busy Time Ahead Of Soccer Clubs In Old Country

New Leader May Appear as Result of Holiday Games; Great Contests Expected

London, Dec. 24.—Of the eighty-eight clubs comprising the first, second and third divisions of the English League eighty will go into action on Christmas Day.

On Boxing Day practically all the games will be repeated, and the second half of the season, on the home and away games. Taught by experience, soccer enthusiasts here refrain from venturing any predictions on the outcome of holiday football.

LEADERS MAY FALL

How long West Bromwich, who stepped up into top position on Saturday, will stay there is problematical. Christmas Day will be critical for them as they travel to Manchester and take on the City. The latter are the most prolific goal getters in the whole league, having registered forty-five goals in the course of their twenty-one games. West Bromwich have not scored so many goals, but they certainly have not lost many.

Other Christmas Day games in the First Division are: Aston Villa at Leeds, Sheffield United at Sunderland, Bury at Tottenham, Cardiff at West Ham, Arsenal at Birmingham, Notts Forest at Bolton and Newcastle at Everton.

SCOTLAND QUIET

Scottish observance of Christmas Day being what it is—generally speaking, a preliminary and superficial tryst for their more boisterous celebration of New Year's Day—only two games will be played, Queen's Park travelling to Perth to take on St. Johnstone, and Dundee being the guests of Third Lanark.

Lightweights to Provide Milling of Interest Next Year

New York, Dec. 24.—Gene Tunney, American lightweight champion, has been awarded a bout with Tommy Gibbons, who recently knocked out Kid Norfolk.

Mike McGuire is understood to be insisting on an outdoor bout this summer with Tunney, and expects to meet the winner of the Tunney-Gibbons bout, if such a match is arranged.

United Services Take On Veterans To-morrow Morning

Soccer Teams Will Meet at Royal Athletic in Replay of Combination Cup Game

To-morrow morning at the Royal Athletic Park the Veterans and United Services football teams will clash in the replay of their semi-final game in the Combination Cup series. The game is scheduled to start at 10:30 o'clock.

These teams met two weeks ago and played to a draw, and it is expected the replay will be keenly contested. Both teams will fight hard for a win in order to earn the right to meet Esquimalt in the final game for the trophy. Esquimalt entered the final round by eliminating the Wests.

The Vets will have Chris Owens and Johnny Roe back in the game, which will strengthen them considerably. The Services men, who have been travelling at a fast clip in their last few games, will have their regular team on deck and hope to enter the final round at the expense of the Vets.

On New Year's Day it is expected that an outside team will be brought in to stack up against an All-Star local eleven. The final game of the Combination Cup series may also be staged that day.

The Veterans' team for to-morrow will be as follows: Bridges, Campbell, Owens, Roe, Preston, Davidson, Ashley, Erskine, Southern, Merfield and Clarkson. Reserves, Petch, Brown and Small.

Keen interest will centre around Saturday's league fixtures as a new leader may spring up. At present the Veterans and Esquimalt are tied for the league leadership with the Wards one point behind, while the Wests and Esquimalt are joint occupants of the fourth position, and the United Services only one point in rear of these teams.

The Sons of England will make up the same old England as a drubbing, while the Veterans and Esquimalt will fight for the league leadership with the Wests and United Services providing the fun at Work Point.

Phil Taylor Will Remain as Pro at Local Golf Club

Circumstances have arisen which make it impossible for Phil Taylor to accept the invitation of the Victoria Golf and Country Club to become its professional.

When it became known that Phil had declined not to wrestle with a flock of technicalities, incidental to his entry into the United States, the committee of the Victoria Golf Club met and decided that if Taylor would prefer to stay in Victoria he would be welcomed back in his own position.

Since the relations between Phil and his committee always have been of the most friendly it did not take him long to make up his mind to stay in Victoria and under the British flag.

Ottawa Suffers Severe Setback On Its Own Pond

Montreal's Team Squashes Hopes of Senators, Who Are Almost Out of Race

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Ottawa Senators drank deep of the cup of bitter defeat here last night, when they went down before Cecil Hart's Montrealers by a score of 3 to 1. Once again, as against Hamilton a week ago, the Senators staged a third period rally that had everything but goals attached to it and just failed to catch their rivals.

The game on the whole was replete with excitement. Both sides applied the body plentifully and the leniency of Referee Lafamme somewhat encouraged these tactics.

Benedict was the star of the game. This is the second time Montreal has defeated Ottawa this season, due chiefly to the great work of Clint Benedict in goal and Harry Broadbent, forward, both of whom were released by Ottawa. Last night's reverse was a severe setback to the Senators, and there is little chance of them now winning the league.

Hec Fowler Finds Drowning Costly In Boston Arena

Boston, Dec. 24.—Norman Fowler, goal tender on the Boston professional hockey team, has been indefinitely suspended, the club announced yesterday. President Charles F. Adams said Fowler admitted that he did not give his best effort in the game against St. Patricks of Toronto here on Monday night. Toronto won 10 to 1. Dr. Charles Stewart, formerly of the Hamilton club of the N.H.L., will play in goal for Boston in their game against the Canadiens at Montreal, Christmas night.

Pictorial Golf Instruction

By H. B. MARTIN
A DOWN HILL LIE



Most golfers become scared of a down hill lie and the result is a bad shot. The idea that most duffers entertain towards a down hill lie is a sweeping movement, or in other words, an attempt to make the ball rise quickly.

This is all wrong. The only way to make sure of hitting a perfect shot in this case is to let the club follow the contour of the ground, following along after the ball as far as the outstretched arms will permit.

If the club is checked the ball will be poorly hit. This is necessary in playing a down hill lie is nearly all on the left foot. This is necessary in order to permit the club to do its work properly. One should take his stance for this shot with the ball opposite the heel of the left foot.

If one can play a down hill shot well he can also play the ball when it is on level ground. I would suggest that a golfer practice down hill shots in order to protect the shots with perfect lies. This teaches one the true way of following through.

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"OLD FOX" IS WITH VICTORIA THIS TIME



To-morrow afternoon Jack Walker will not be wrecking the hearts of local fans with his hook-check and tantalizing stickhandling. He'll be with the crowd, playing his first game on Victoria ice as a member of the blue and gold club.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL STANDING

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AT THE THEATRES

NOTED FRENCHMEN
ARE PICTURED IN
FILM AT COLISEUM

President Poincaré, Georges Clemenceau, Joffre, Petain and dozens of other French celebrities, as well as ambassadors from foreign lands, all exact duplicates of the originals, made up the highest-priced crowd of "extras" for most of the celebrities in the gathering were but "atmosphere." Still, because of the need for exact makeup and careful acting, ordinary extra people could not be employed.

The remarkable scene was taken in "Love and Glory," and featuring an all star cast including Charles De Roche, Madge Bellamy, Ford Sterling, Wallace MacDonald, Gibson Gowland, Charles De Ravenne and Priscilla Dean Moran. The picture is showing at the Coliseum Theatre.

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AT THE THEATRES

Coliseum—"Love and Glory."
Playhouse—"In the Shadows of Whitechapel."
Columbia—"Jealous Husbands."
Capitol—"In Every Woman's Life."
Dominion—"Chu Chin Chow."

is showing at the Coliseum Theatre.

In the scene in the Salon of Honor, at which heroes of various wars are presented with medals of honor Jules De Brac enacted the part of Poincaré. Almost the French president's duplicate physically, a carefully applied beard and facial lines made him the living image of the man imitated. Kate Lester appeared as the duchess who aided him in distributing the honors.

The story itself, while laid in France, and extending over a life-time, shows the principal characters first as youths, and later, in the modern sequences, as aged folk. Charles De Roche, Madge Bellamy and Wallace MacDonald, first appearing as young people, are made up as people of fully seventy years of age at the close of the story.

This is Julian's first big production since he made "Merry Go Round," one of last season's triumphs.

"IN THE SHADOWS
OF WHITECHAPEL"
NOW AT PLAYHOUSE

The famous English comedy melodrama "In the Shadows of Whitechapel," is being presented at the Playhouse Theatre. This is an unusual story of Old Country life, with its atmosphere, humor, heart interest and romance of dear old London. Henry Edwards, the popular Eng-

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lish comedian, appears in the role of Bill, a part that calls upon him to register every human emotion, while Christiana White handles the part of Lisa to perfection. This is probably the best melodrama that has ever been presented in this country, and offers from the Old Land, as well as native born sons, will delight in the many thrills furnished by this phenomenal attraction.

"JEALOUS HUSBANDS"
IS ANOTHER SUCCESS
FOR ENVIED DIRECTOR

"That's Tournour luck again," is the comment of motion picture directors out in Hollywood whenever they see a new picture directed by Maurice Tournour.

For Maurice Tournour appears to have an infallible instinct in picking out stories that contain all the elements of popular appeal. And what is more, he is known as an unusual director. "Lorna Doone," "The Isle of Lost Ships" and "The Brass Bottle" are some of the unusual pictures with which he has set the pace. And now he has brought to the screen "Jealous Husbands," a highly original type of story, which is going to stir up the green-eyed monster in his fellow directors again.

"Jealous Husbands" is a First National picture and was produced for M. C. Levee. It can now be seen at the Columbia Theatre.

"CHU-CHIN-CHOW"
BIG FEATURE AT THE
DOMINION THEATRE

"Chu-Chin-Chow," the new Graham Wilcox production, which is being shown at the Dominion Theatre all this week, is known as the world's wonder picture. It is by far the most ambitious production which has yet been made in Europe, and is a real and successful attempt to rival the greatest super-films of Hollywood.

The star is Betty Blythe, who is best known by her performance in "Queen of Sheba" in a big Fox picture. She plays Lily Brayton's part, Zahrat, Herbert Langley, the Beecham Opera baritone, who has taken to film and has leapt into the ranks of stardom right away, is Chu-Chin-Chow; and others in the cast are Eva Moore, Handie Ayrton (the Shakespearean actor), Jameson Thomas, Judd Green and Dacia, the dancer.

Over 4,000 people acted in "Chu-Chin-Chow" and a whole shipload of dromedaries was brought from Persia for the desert scenes, not to speak of Arab horses, elephants, lions, yaks, water buffaloes, and other curious beasts.

The settings are very ambitious, on or twelve acres of old Baghdad are constructed for some of the scenes, and one building alone, the Great South Gate, was as large as St. Paul's Cathedral, without the dome. Apart from the artists, "Chu-Chin-Chow" kept several thousand workmen busy for four months.

A feature of the production is All Baba's magic cave, which for the occasion was filled with treasures collected and hired from all over Europe. These included a great deal of valuable jewelry and bijouterie which belonged to the ill-fated Tsar and the ex-Kaiser, and which gave a wonderful air of verisimilitude which could never be attained by stage properties.

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HIGH CLASS HORSES
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CAPITOL PRODUCTION

Thoroughbred horses used in many scenes in "In Every Woman's Life" proved difficult to direct. They could not become accustomed to the glare of the studio lights, even when covered with blinders. They proved to be restless and frightened. When Irving Cummings was directing the dinner on horseback in this First National picture, which is now being shown at the Capitol Theatre, he had to make a few scenes and then allow the horses to rest. It took several days to make this one scene, which was difficult and dangerous to the actors, without the nervousness displayed by the thoroughbreds.

Later on in the production a race-horse is brought into a living room to be shown to his master before the race. The first time the scene was taken without a hitch. The second time the horse displayed nervousness and the third time he broke out of the doors, turned over a bedstead, broke vases and almost got away from the groom in whose charge he was placed. Cummings was forced to rest for several hours and the scene was retaken later in the day.

Mr. Cummings regards horses as the most difficult to direct, due to their timidity and size.

Originals in
"Stepping Out"
Coming to Royal

Theatregoers of Victoria will be delighted to hear that the well-known Originals, Canada's celebrated soldier-funkmakers, will return to the Royal Victoria Theatre on January 5, for a three-day engagement after a year's absence.

The boys have a number of new artists with them this year in addition to the many Originals. Dumbell favorites—Gene Pearson, Bob Anderson, Alan Murray, Lionel Broadway, Leonard Young, Bertram Langley, Norman Blume, Thomas Dunn, Fredrick Gordon, Jerry Grayford and a well-known local Victoria boy, Gus McKinnon, make up this clever company of entertainers.

A number of novel surprises are in store for the patrons of the Originals this season, while the new show will be found to be entirely different from any of the previous soldier productions.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN
AT PLAYHOUSE FOR
PANTOMIME WEEK

Mack Swain, who serves as such an admirable foil to Charlie Chaplin in the comedian's latest First National farce, "The Idle Class," which comes to the Playhouse Theatre next week, is a veteran of the musical-comedy, vaudeville and speaking stage as well as of the screen.

Swain is six feet two and weighs 240 pounds. He was born in Salt Lake City in 1876. During his early career on the stage he managed and produced in the vaudeville circuit. He has played in vaudeville, stock companies, musical comedy organizations and also in drama.

His screen career began with Keystone, where he played leading comedy roles in several productions. He also has appeared, to the delight of thousands of audiences, in various brands of comedies.

In "The Idle Class" Swain has the role of a Scotsman and dresses in kilts which reveal more than they conceal. Hereafter Swain will appear in all the Chaplin comedies where his fun-making possibilities can be utilized.

WARD TWO SANITARY
FAVORS MACNICOL

The Ward Two Sanitary Ratepayers' Association Monday night at Toimie School formally endorsed Rev. Macnicol and Councilman Wm. Graham for another term of office, and selected H. P. Thorpe and J. H. Horner as candidates for the School Board. T. K. Harrison was endorsed for the Police Commission by the meeting.

About thirty ratepayers attended the meeting, which opened with a prayer by Rev. Macnicol, acting as chairman until the arrival of J. McNair Patterson.

Rev. Macnicol gave an account of the past year of council work, and Councilman Graham dealt at length with Ward affairs, both receiving a warm welcome. Mrs. W. R. Campion and Trustee Cheetham also addressed the meeting as candidates for the School Board.

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COMMITTEE WILL
CONSIDER EMPIRE
TRADE EXTENSION

Empire Economic Delegates to be Called Together Soon After Christmas

System of Import Licenses One of Plans Suggested For Adoption

Ottawa, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press)—While no definite official advice has yet been received, it is assumed in official circles here that the British Government will take steps shortly after Christmas to call together the proposed Empire Economic Committee.

The committee will consider methods of stimulating Empire trade apart from preferential traffic. As far as the marketing of foodstuffs and agricultural raw materials originating in the Empire is concerned, three principal methods of assistance have been suggested:

1. Import licenses.
2. Subsidies.
3. Stabilization of prices.
Reports from London that the Baldwin Government had decided on a system of import licenses are not confirmed by official advice. The assumption here is rather that the whole question will be referred to the Empire Economic Committee for consideration. It is pointed out, however, that the system of import licenses was considered by the food and material committee of the Imperial Economic Conference last year which met under the chairmanship of Sir Philip Lloyd-Greaves, President of the Board of Trade, and the committee did not recommend a system of licenses.

YOUR HEALTH

KILL EVERY RAT TO BANISH
DREAD PNEUMONIC PLAGUE
By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

One of the great medical writers said:
"Wherever plague exists an organized staff, an intelligent policy and a long purse are needed."

After the World War I was determined that the epidemic diseases arising in Europe should not enter America through the city of New York. One of my undertakings was to have systematic examinations made of the rat family, especially those to be found along the harbor line. This was done to make sure that no bubonic infected rats should be permitted to roam at large. To be permitted to roam at large, it was necessary to spend a great deal of money. Even now, it is probable the popular belief was that we were merely striving to kill off the rats and were spending much cash doing it. As a matter of fact, our men strove to cover every area of the city in order to find rats which might be examined to see if they had bubonic plague.

Months before a community suffers from the rat plague, the rat population suffers and dies. An unusual death rate among rodents must give rise to the suspicion of epidemic disease in the rat family.

In the health matters it is wise to be several jumps ahead of disease. To protect against the plague, or the "black death," as it is called, requires intelligence, organization and a long purse. But every dollar spent to prevent sickness and death is money well spent.

As I write there are sensational newspaper reports of many deaths in California from pneumonic plague. This is only a specialized form of the disease, but it is a very serious type of the disease.

The pneumonic plague strikes the victim without warning. High fever, pain in the chest, difficult breathing and severe cough are the early symptoms. The sputum is bloody. Blackness of the face is quickly noticed.

Sometimes there are intestinal disturbances with diarrhoea. This may mislead and give the impression that the case is one of typhoid fever. The heart fails, the pulse is weak and the prostration is profound. Very few persons recover from the disease.

The rat is merely the vehicle. The real offender is the flea. When the rat host dies the fleas leave the cold body and jump on to the nearest animal. If this is a rat, all right; but if it is a man, the bite of the flea gives him the infection, and soon he is down with the plague.

The time will come when houses and other buildings, especially along the water front, will be given substantial foundations and made rat-proof. The harborage of rats should be destroyed, and by cleanliness and orderliness the breeding places will disappear.

Science is at work to perfect a serum to control the disease and a vaccine to inoculate against it.

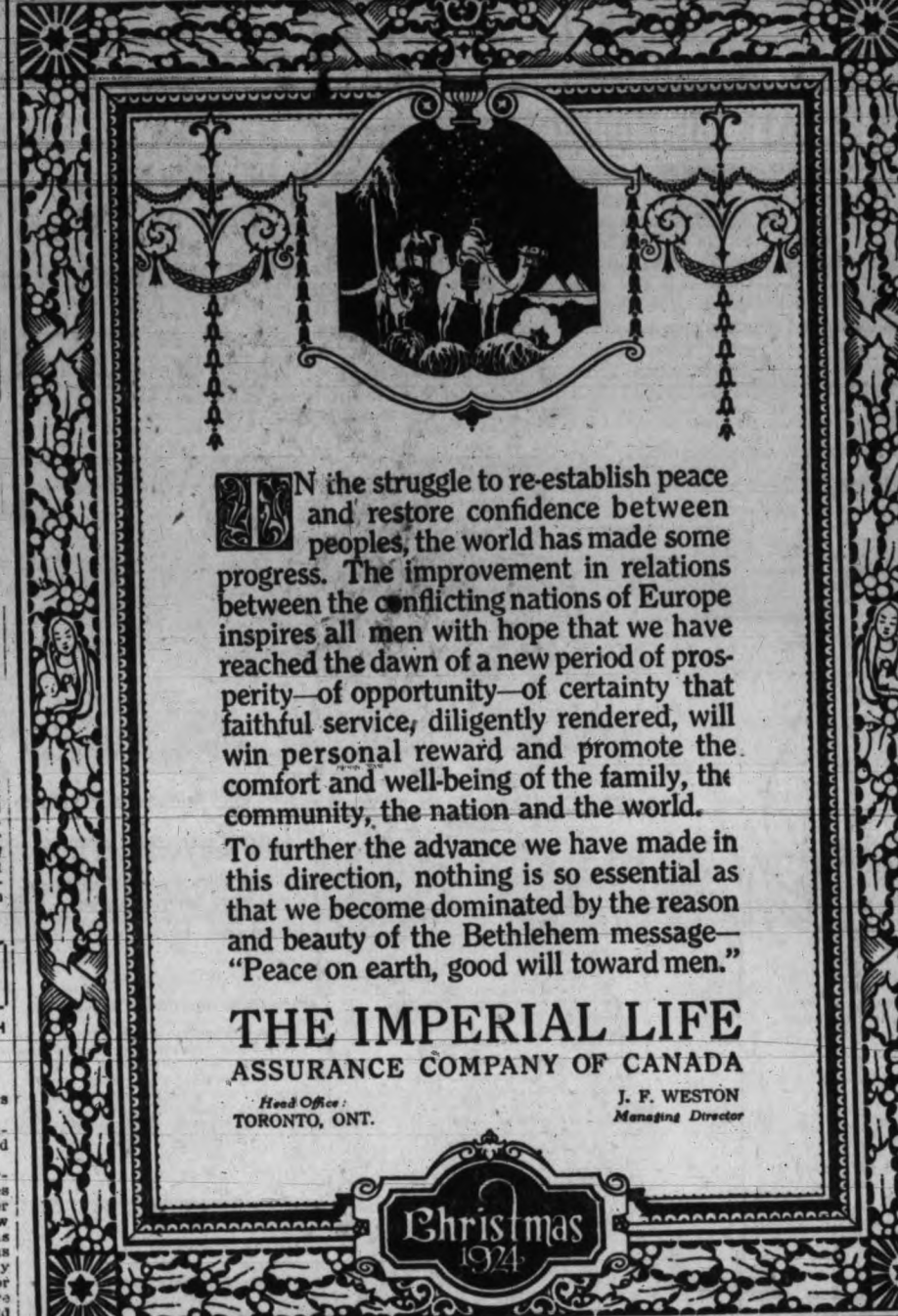
MINING NEWS

STANDARD, ALICE ARM
The Standard group of four claims on McGrath Mountain, Billance River, Alice Arm district, owned by Miles Donald and associates, has been bonded by the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co. in the sum of \$50,000. Active development work will begin on the property as soon as the season permits and the snow goes off which will be some time in May.

The deal is of immediate interest to Alice Arm camp for it will open up for development a portion of the district which, so far, has had nothing more done than surface work.

The Standard group has an extensive surface showing carrying high grade values. A fifty-foot tunnel driven on the ledge showed that the values extended down.

AEROPLANE SPEED RECORD.
Paris, Dec. 24.—The Aero Club of France has officially ratified the new world aeroplane speed record of 448.171 kilometres an hour, made by Adjutant Donnet at Istres December 21.



IN the struggle to re-establish peace and restore confidence between peoples, the world has made some progress. The improvement in relations between the conflicting nations of Europe inspires all men with hope that we have reached the dawn of a new period of prosperity—of opportunity—of certainty that faithful service, diligently rendered, will win personal reward and promote the comfort and well-being of the family, the community, the nation and the world.

To further the advance we have made in this direction, nothing is so essential as that we become dominated by the reason and beauty of the Bethlehem message—"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

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THIS COUNTRY HAS
NEW LEAGUE OFFICIAL

Dr. W. A. Riddell Will Reside in Geneva and Advise the Ottawa Government

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Dr. W. A. Riddell, former Deputy Minister of Labor of Ontario, has been appointed Dominion of Canada advisory officer for League of Nations purposes at Geneva.

The post is a new one. In creating it Canada, it is announced, is following the example of some fifteen states, including Japan, China and Brazil, who have found it necessary to appoint officers to reside permanently in Geneva—accredited to the League. Mr. Riddell, who now occupies the position of Chief of the Agricultural Service in the International Labor Office of the League, will continue to reside in Geneva. It will be his duty to aid the Canadian delegates to the meetings of the League and the International Labor Organization and to keep the Government informed as to any phase of the activities of those bodies which may be of interest to Canada and to act as may be determined as Government delegate or substitute.

Dr. Riddell is a native of Stratford, Ont., and a graduate of the University of Manitoba.

What do you expect your son to be when he grows up?" replied the gaunt Missourian, "unless he develops into a tenor singer."

EX-BROKER CONVICTED
New York, Dec. 24.—Louis Montgomery Kardos Jr., former stock-

broker in the firm of Kardos and Burke, which failed two years ago for \$5,000,000, was convicted by a jury yesterday of trading against the account of a customer. Sentence will be imposed to-morrow.

THOROUGH brushing requires a brush that reaches every hair and penetrates to the scalp.

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The observance of the Midwinter solstice goes back into the beginnings of time. Encrusted with the accretions of the ages, of triumphal marches of the Roman legions, of barbaric Druid rites, and the rough hospitality of Saxon thanes, uniting the Saturnalia, the worship of Nature, and the rude Scandinavian mythology, the festival was accepted by the first Christian fathers. They had a simple central theme around which to build, a theme not without its legends of mystic Wisc Men, not without its alliance with the supernatural in the mysterious Star of the Bethlehem Cradle, not without its pathetic appeal to the imagination of sensitive minds in the Child Christ outcast among the cattle. Taking what seemed best from the heathen traditions around them, sanctifying some of the customs, rejecting some of the most gross, the Christian fathers grafted the associations of Roman, Celtic and Gothic to the Christmas festival. Gradually bringing into harmony the conflicting churches, a date was found which coincided with the festivals of savage ages, and out of all grew a midwinter celebration marking the beginning of Christ.

Some say, that ever 'gainst that season comes, Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated, The bird of dawn singest all night long, And then, the say, no spirit can walk abroad, The nights are wholesome: then no planets strike, No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm, So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

MISTLETOE AND HOLLY

From many sources thus come the various features associated with the Christmas season. Perhaps oldest of all is the mistletoe, from the age of the Druids, around which was woven a mysterious ward against evil to the hearts of a primitive people zealous of nature worship. The Yule logs date back to the Scandinavian peoples, who, overcast Europe in the centuries of chaos that followed the decline of the Roman Empire. In later centuries the home bringing the Yule log was a feature to be commemorated in a very special way, its ignition to be accomplished by the burned ashes of its predecessor, carefully preserved for that purpose. It was a singular effect of its Druidic influences that for many years the mistletoe was not allowed to be used for the decorations of consecrated premises, and thus holly, bay, and other plants of non-supremacy. In some of the English rural districts, as in Devon and Norfolk, the trees were sprinkled at this time of the year with a promise of good crops in the ensuing season, probably some survival from the earliest times of some barbaric ceremony, the objects of which were lost in the mists of antiquity. The spirit of decorations is marked in the following stanza from a seventeenth century carol:

"With holly and ivy
So green and so gay
We deck up our houses
As fresh as the day
With holly and ivy
And laurel and rosemary
And every one now
Is king in conceit."

SEASON OF GIFTS

The Yuletide season has been a season of gifts from the beginning of time. Just how it began, though probably of Roman origin, is not clear but it became so popular that the Puritan ban on many of these Christmas celebrations failed to check it, and the old ceremonies returned with the Restoration. Closely bound up with the practice of gifts was the decoration of evergreens both in sacred places and in the homes. While the German practice of the Christmas tree came into England from the Teutonic countries with Prince Albert in the forties, it had previously reached America through the German settlers in Pennsylvania. It was such an attractive feature that it quickly spread, and now is universal. It is probably the most widely used feature of the Christmas season, common both to the lands of snow and of sand, just as popular in the cold of northern countries as in the heat of an Australian Yuletide.

Santa Claus, the world's most delightful myth, an intangible nothing galvanized annually into a very robust person, of him and his meaning volumes might be written. He is the gift giving, the embodiment of generosity. Music has always largely paid its part in the Christmas festivities, and to this season of the year particularly belong the carols, popular in their old time recollection, and famous for their remembrances of the first Christmas at Bethlehem. The waits are particularly associated with the Yuletide season, their appearance being the signal in old times for the tour of the house, as harbingers of good fortune to the occupants in the ensuing twelve months. Probably closely associated with them were the mummers, who in fantastic costumes amused the medieval baronial hall, or played strange pranks upon the burghers of ancient towns. A severed tie with the past has gone with them and their rough jokes.

YULETIDE FARE

The pages of romance, both song and story, are full of Yuletide fare. So many special dishes were associated with this period, from the rare boar's head, and the peacock dressed in his plumage, down to the humble delicacies of to-day, that the disappearance of some of them will harm no one, certainly not to the digestive organs. Mince pies are the longest survival of the special fare, dating at least 320 years ago in contemporary literature. It began with a mixture of meats, tongue, chicken, eggs, sugar, raisins, lemons and orange peel, and various kinds of spicery, so that the variety of appetizing foods which went into the making of the modern mince pie have little to boast over the needs of this generation. Now near the end of the Christmas meal appears plum pudding,

after the roast meat or turkey. Formerly, however, a plum porridge was served, in a rich luscious dish, as an opener to the banquet. With the English Christmas dinner celebrated the charms of a roast of beef, in America the popularity of turkey has survived three hundred years. The first Thanksgiving dinner of the Pilgrim Fathers, eaten in 1621, was held on December 13, and from New England the practice of making the special dish of turkey the central feature of the celebration, because wild turkey were the chief delicacy of the Pilgrim Fathers in the wilderness.

Back in the misty pages of ancient rolls and records may be found the entries of those enormous feasts which marked the open handed hospitality of our forefathers, and which must have prefigured a heartier diet than has been accorded in 1924 to the present generation. It was a revival of the feasting of Saxon ancestors, surviving through Norman, and Plantagenet, and Tudor, into an age which realized that sufficient food was as good as a feast. At the man's table the feast of the beggar at the gate, in the general Christmas rejoicing. The old carol said:

"Oh spence a morsel from your meat,
To feed the poor at Christmas."

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"Los Reyes Margos" OR THE COMING OF THE WISE MEN OF THE EAST

A Christmas Custom of Southern Spain

By WILLIAM HOLT

Santa Claus, the good fairy of the North, with his reindeer sleigh and bells that bulge with toys, does not travel so far South as sunny Seville, where snow is seldom seen. The little dark-eyed children there do not know his cheerful, ruddy face and twinkling eyes. Instead, they come to the "Wise Men of the East."

On the 5th of January, for this was about the time they arrived in Bethlehem—some of them having journeyed far on hearing the glad news—all the children of Seville crowd into the streets to watch for their coming. At dusk, noises (which are understood by the adults but not by the children) are heard coming from the large, circular building which surrounds the Plaza de Toros. Slowly the doors of the great bull-ring open and a strange procession moves out into the street. The children clap their hands and cry out in wonder and delight.

In the midst of a host of dark-skinned slaves bearing spluttering torches and large lanterns on poles, appear proud and powerful princes in jeweled turbans and costly robes, surrounded by all their retinue of servants, men at arms and magicians. Some are mounted on camels, some on elephants and others on magnificent chargers. The darkening sky overhead is turned instantly black by the brilliance of their lanterns and the dazzle and sparkle of their jeweled trappings.

Down the narrow street they come in all their Eastern pomp and splendour. Each prince is followed by a rumbly, noisy, cart-like baggage wagon, festooned with flowers and crammed full of toys. As the children dance and shout, or bow low before them, the princes smile back and nod, revealing beautiful rows of milk-white teeth. Some have brown skins, some coffee coloured, whilst others have faces black as jet. Old men there are amongst them with beards flowing below their waists; young men too, erect in saddle, with faces bearing but kindly eyes. These are the "Wise Men of the East" who bring toys to the poor of Seville.

On they come with their trains of tinkling pack-mules, elephants with swaying trunks and camels stepping awkwardly along, and the big, clumsy oxen carts with their heavy freight of toys, until the hospital is reached. Here toys are distributed to the sick children. Then the rest of the children who have gathered in the streets to welcome them receive their share with smiles and bows and depart home—led in wonder and delectation.

"I suppose," said Naxdore, "an automobile helps one to forget one's troubles."

"Yes," replied Naylor, "one's other troubles."

"Things would be better if, when the nations stack their arms, the diplomats wouldn't stack their cards," Columbia Record.

Bert—"And you girls never quarrel?"

Gert—"My, no! We live in an apartment where there isn't even room for an argument."—Everybody's Magazine.

"It's a waste of energy to carry coal to Newcastle," remarked the Wise Guy. And freezing politeness is wasted on the ice man," suggested the Simple Mug.

He (pompously)—I tell you it costs a great deal more than you think to become a broad-minded and intelligent man of the world.

She—I suppose so, and I don't blame you for saving your money.

A visitor to the offices of a big firm was struck by the lazy movements of an elderly member of staff, who seemed, all the same, to be on good terms with the others.

"How long has that man worked for you?" he asked the manager.

"About four hours, I should say."

"Indeed! I should have judged from his manner that he had been here longer than that."

"He has," said the manager. "He's been here about two years."

A SANTA BY COMPULSION

By DONALD A. FRASER

Christmas Eve, and the hour of eight was striking on the City Hall clock, as rich old Roger Richmond opened the door of his sombre mansion on the Rockland Avenue heights overlooking Government House. He was leaving with the intention of taking a stroll down to the business centres of the city to mingle with the last-minute Christmas shoppers, and view the lighted store windows of the city to which but two days before he had come to spend the rest of his life.

"The morrow will be Christmas Day, Sir," purred Janet, his Scotch housekeeper, who had followed him to the door. "Will ye have a turkey dinner?"

"Hae anything you like," he returned irritably. "A square meal is all I want. These Christmas fixings are all nothing but a pack of nonsense anyway, and the crusty old coddler went on his way towards."

Christmas meant very little to Roger Richmond. All that it signified to most people had been banished from his life now close on to twenty years. There had been a time when home, wife and little daughter had furnished reasons for the usual fun, festivity and feasting. Death and duty had taken away the mother, and the daughter, Zella, passionately loved and idolized till the day she had dared to withstand his will, and married the comparatively poor young man to whom she had given her heart, had been cast forth from his home and his affections. Instead came a stern mandate to show herself no more in any house of his.

As he locked the doors of his heart against the one being loved and lost, he seemed to look back against humanity in general. Hard, cold, severe, exact, he up and down the street, as if in expectation of the arrival of some one. Catching sight of Roger Richmond, she hurried towards him, exclaiming:

"Oh, Mr. Jones, I'm so glad you've come! We couldn't think what was keeping you. The tree is all ready, and the children are getting impatient. It's good you are all dressed up. You make a splendid Santa Claus. Come on, hurry!"

She seized him by the hand, and commenced to lead him towards the gate.

"He pulled his hand away roughly, saying: 'You're mistaken, Miss. My name isn't Jones, and I'm not a dressed-up Santa Claus, either.'"

"Oh, Sir, I beg your pardon!" cried the girl, taken aback and blushing.

"We were expecting a Mr. Jones to come and act as Santa Claus at our party to-night, and so about to have been here half an hour ago. You see Father had to go to San Francisco, and Mother is sick in bed, but we did not want the children to miss their Christmas tree, so brother Fred got an old gentleman he knew to promise to come and be Santa Claus for us. I just thought you were he. Something must have happened to him. Couldn't you come and do that for us, Sir? We will pay you his salary, and, I hope, a little more."

To Roger Richmond the idea of him, the multi-millionaire merchant, being paid to be a Santa Claus at a party to-night, and so about to be actually laughed. A hearty guffaw, probably the first really genuine one that he had given vent to for years, broke from his lips as he closed his mouth, when the door of the cottage burst open, letting out a

look that had come into her Santa's eyes checked her. He was staring at her fixedly, almost fiercely, and he had grasped her wrists in his heavy hands so tightly, that she almost cried out; but her attention was held so closely by his agitation that she remained mute. But Roger Richmond realized now why he had been so strangely attracted by this pretty little one. He had been fondling his own granddaughter. She had Zella's eyes.

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"Pardon me, Santa, I am forgetting my manners," said the girl who had met him on the street. "We are the Benton family. I'm Agnes, the oldest, and there's Fred, just going to a big high school, who had just come in, and was staring open-mouthed at this strange Santa Claus."

The little one who is hanging on to you so closely is Roddy, and the one in the high chair is Timmie, the baby. Father is in San Francisco and Mother is in bed. Then there is Polly Fox, and Willie Ward, and Jenny Bowles, and she went on 'till she had gone over all the company, juvenile and adult.

It was a jolly gathering. Every one was so full of the Christmas spirit that it just bubbled over. To a critical audience the Santa Claus, portrayed by Roger Richmond would have left much to be desired, but to this happy crowd he was about perfect.

The distribution of presents began almost as soon as the introductions were over. Little Roddy stood beside him all the time, he was holding out the gifts, and he would catch hold of his coat by the pocket-flap, or if his hand were disengaged for a moment, he would grasp it a hand to little wavy ones, and press it to her cheek, or kiss it tenderly.

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"Roddy Benton's my name. Of course, that's not all of my name, that's what they call me for short. My full name's Rogerina Richmond Benton. I'm called after Mommy's daddy. He's a rich old man and lives away in Toronto. But he's a bad old Grandpa, 'cause he doesn't like my Daddy, and he won't have anything to do with my dear Mommy and I just hate him!"

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WHAT VANCOUVER ISLAND TREES TOLD SANTA CLAUS IN LOS ANGELES

By WINIFRED BUTCLIFFE DUNCAN

To-day in a city street I met Santa Claus face to face, and through soft laughing children, who had been his guests in the gorgeous toy department of a big store nearby, were cheering him lustily, but otherwise, merrily into waiting motors, or tripped down the street, holding the hand of mother or nurse.

Santa and I were both hugging close to the shaft of the building, for the sun was high in the heavens over Los Angeles, and the barometer was showing a martial desire to go "over the top."

Santa carried on his back a pack of mysterious parcels gaily wrapped and tied. In his hand was a string of rainbows, balloons, each bearing the name of a store whence he had just come. As he went along he distributed these among the children in the crowd of silent, happy, waiting, though Christmas was still some days ahead, the passers-by were really little wavy ones, and press it to her cheek, or kiss it tenderly.

When the tree was all denuded of its pleasant freight, and merriment and good cheer were everywhere, several shares, and Old Santa Richmond hot and perspiring with the heat from the open fire place, and his heavy fur coat, had sat down in an arm-chair at one side of the room. Roddy stole up to him, and climbing up on his knee, stroked his white beard, and murmured, "Nice Santa, I like you, Santa."

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"Roddy Benton's my name. Of course, that's not all of my name, that's what they call me for short. My full name's Rogerina Richmond Benton. I'm called after Mommy's daddy. He's a rich old man and lives away in Toronto. But he's a bad old Grandpa, 'cause he doesn't like my Daddy, and he won't have anything to do with my dear Mommy and I just hate him!"

She got no farther. The startled look that had come into her Santa's eyes checked her. He was staring at her fixedly, almost fiercely, and he had grasped her wrists in his heavy hands so tightly, that she almost cried out; but her attention was held so closely by his agitation that she remained mute. But Roger Richmond realized now why he had been so strangely attracted by this pretty little one. He had been fondling his own granddaughter. She had Zella's eyes.

Just then Mrs. Fox, one of the guests called out, "Come, Roddy, and sing us the pretty Christmas carol you learned at school. You know you sing it so sweetly, and it will be so suitable for this Christmas Eve gathering."

So Roddy danced over to the piano, and sang to her sister's accompaniment, her clear, childish-treble filling the room:

A baby came to Bethlehem,
On Christmas Eve, long, long ago;
The Wise Men brought a diadem,
To crown Him King, their love to show.

Then Babe in King!
O children, sing!
And bring your hearts as diadem,
To crown Him King, their love to show.
By all adored,
The kindly Babe of Bethlehem.

The angels sang in Bethlehem,
On Christmas Eve, long, long ago,
A song that thrilled the hosts of them,
And echoes now to all below.
Love's song let ring,
O children, sing!
And hail the King of Love again;
With heart and voice
Bid all rejoice,
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men.

Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas!
Some day every one will heed,
And the world will find the fulness
That supplies her every need;
Then the Earth, a song embodied,
Shall roll down the coming years,
Singing her sublimest cadence
In the music of the spheres.

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FOR YACHTING CHAMPIONS—The face of one of the medals presented by Toronto City Council to the crew which won the Great Lakes yachting championship at Chicago. The reverse side, in addition to the city's seal, bears the following inscription: "Presented by the City of Toronto to the crew of the Navado on winning the Y.R.U. cup class B, September, 1924. Norman M. Gooderham, skipper, J. W. Bartlett, H. D. Addison, H. S. C. Wilson."



ACTION—WE'LL SAY SO—This shows how the ladies can get down to business when they have to. A tense moment in the squash tennis match between Miss Blake and the Hon. Mrs. C. N. Bruce for the Ladies Championship of the Queen's Club, London, England.



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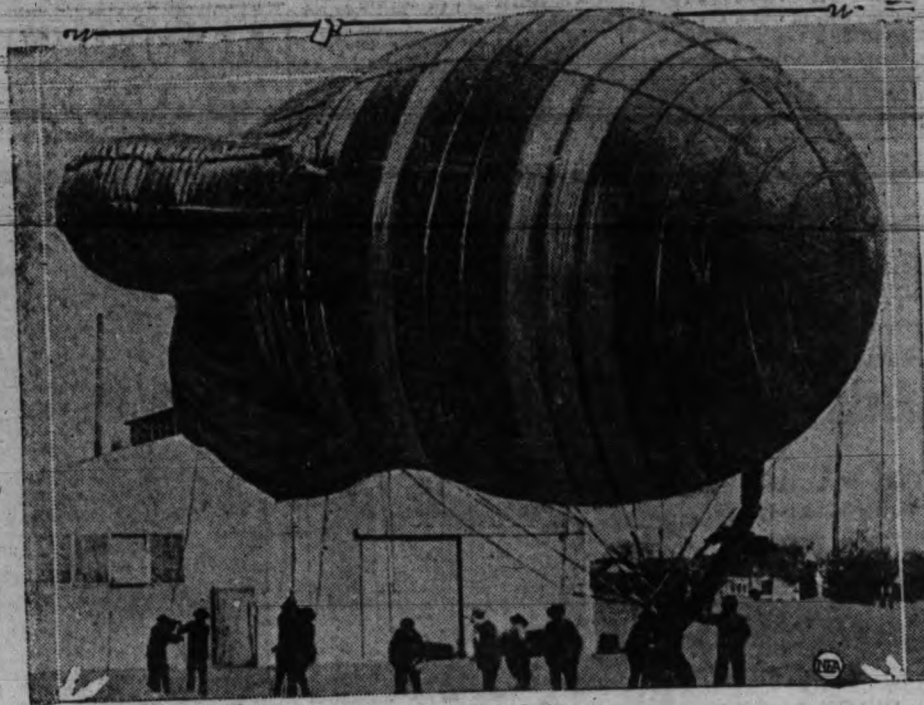
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A REAL FASHION—Here is not a mannequin-posed picture of the latest fashion in fur coats but the real thing—as worn on Fifth Avenue. Photo shows Mrs. John Wanamaker, Jr., strolling on the avenue in her latest style fur coat.



MINE—Pride of possession is perfectly registered by little Elsie Bailey as she looks at her two prize-winning friends at the Pekingese Club Match held in New York.



THIS IS NEWEST BARRAGE BALLOON—Air service men and attaches of Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, are seen here filling the army's newest barrage balloon in preparation for an experimental flight. It has reached an altitude of 20,000 feet in one test. The ship carries instruments for recording weather conditions, wind velocity and other data. The fins on its sides take care of the expansion and retraction of the gas.



EUROPE MAY LACK MONEY, BUT NOT BEAUTY—On the left is Lillian Harwey, a German film star. She came out first in a beauty contest at Heringdorf, held for actresses only. On the right is Mlle. Ridon, pretty midinette, elected as the first "Queen of Fashion" in Paris in a contest that was open to working girls only.



PUSHES BROOM BY DAY—BRUSH BY NIGHT—A street sweeper by day, and an artist at night, is the dual role played by Casimir von Ginzinsky, Jr., of Schenectady, N.Y. The photo shows the young Pole with two of his paintings, many of which he has sold.



RUNAWAY PRINCESS RETURNED—Archduchess Asunta, youthful scion of the House of Hapsburg, who ran away from the home of her father, Archduke Leopold, sailing aboard an Italian liner for Brazil. At the cabed request of her parents, she was turned back at Santos, Brazil.



X-RAYS GERMS—A moving picture of tuberculosis germs, working in human lungs, recently was shown to medical men by Dr. Lewis Cole, Cornell University professor of Roentgenology. The picture is made up of a series of X-rays.



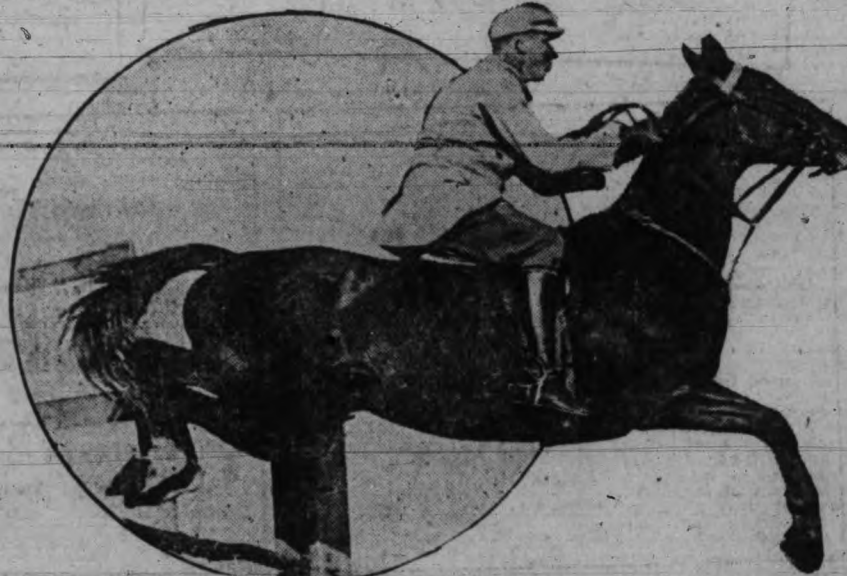
FOUR SANTAS ON THE JOB—Santas galore, their whiskers white, doing their bit for poor kids' delight. Showing a few of the numerous Santas who do street corner service in the collection of funds for New York's poor.



NOW SHE HEARS AND TALKS—Gwendolyn Caswell, twenty-two, Chicago girl, had been deaf and dumb since she was a child. Then Bert D. Burley took her up for an aeroplane flight. When they came down, she could hear a few words and she danced to phonograph music. A few more flights, it is believed, will restore her speech and hearing completely. The change in altitude is doing it, doctors say.



CHERRY PIE, RECORD RACER, LOOKING PRETTY—As he poses for Hibbard Haseltine, prominent sculptor of animals. Mr. Haseltine who makes his home in Paris, came to America especially to sculpt four horses, one of which is Cherry Pie. Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, to whom Cherry Pie belongs, is shown holding her favorite.



SHOWING YOU PERFECT FORM—Here is a graphic demonstration of the correct way of taking a hurdle, demonstrated by Payne Dean, a prominent horseman of Stamford, Conn., astride Golden Russet, the rider being flat on the saddle, and the reins loose.

Wall Street TO-DAY

Last Minute News on Stocks and Financial Affairs

WALL ST. HAPPY AND OPTIMISTIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE

New York, Dec. 24.—As the bells of Old Trinity began to chime over their Christmas Eve hymns, Wall Street closed up and its denizens went home in the happiest frame of mind that it has been their privilege to experience for years.

Employees of firms in the street were especially jubilant as the Christmas bonuses were distributed to-day, proving to be the largest bonuses distributed since the hectic days of the war.

Stocks all closed strong to-day with evidence that the bull market which has been on since the last of summer, and particularly since the great Republican victory in the first week of November has not yet culminated. Everything in Wall Street is a way of looking at things indicates that 1925 is to be the most prosperous year that the country has experienced in the present generation. The stock market has been at work discounting this improvement in the Texas Gulf Sulphur and a few other stocks made new highs to-day. There was considerable trading in the copper department following the announcement of the resumption of dividends by the Anaconda company.

WHEAT MARKETS NEW HIGHS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat started in to celebrate Christmas to-day by shooting up to new high prices for December and May. July wheat and corn prices did not get through their old highs, December wheat here went up four cents to-day from the low.

In Winnipeg the wheat market also soared.

It is a blue Christmas eve for shorts with prices up to the highest they have been since the records were made during the war boom. Opinion here at the close seemed to favor sharply higher prices for the day after Christmas in preparation for a good break which the market may have either as the December option runs out and is liquidated, or just after the first of the year when the December has been closed out and the May becomes the nearest option.

Wheat prices are considered too high to buy and the trade is eagerly looking forward to a good break lasting over two to four weeks. This will set the market in a better technical position and will afford reasonably safe levels for investment buying of all grains.

NORTHWEST STATES ROLLING IN UNANTICIPATED WEALTH

Farmers Who Had Mortgaged Everything and Were All But Bankrupt Now Have Paid Up Arrears and Are Well on the Way to Prosperity.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24.—The Northwest now offers a thrilling and melodramatic story, replete with figures revealing that facts are indeed stranger than fiction; that the "rags to riches" formula works out in real life; and that the unloved stepchild sometimes does blossom into the plumed and bejeweled prince.

Six months ago the Northwest was literally ragged. Its farmers were in dire straits and its businessmen were whistling in the dark. It hid the fact that affairs were on an extremely ragged edge.

To-day a crop valued at \$1,058,000,000 has been heaped upon a grain farmer, licked painfully clean. The deluge has come with a suddenness that has left the Northwest, the states of North and South Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota a trifle bewildered.

How thoroughgoing has been the change is perhaps best illustrated by the story bankers at Sures, N.D., tell of a farmer who left his half section of land and went to California because of rebuffs in the last three years.

A "volunteer" wheat crop appeared on this man's farm this season, and a neighbor wrote him to come back and harvest it. He did, goes the story, and paid off \$5,500 in obligations, and had \$1,500 in cash to bank.

In six short months the spectacle of paper boats sinking in a gale at sea has changed to one where hundreds of banks in the hand that have so much cash on hand that they are advertising for loans.

Farmers who could not get a sack of flour at the country store and who had mortgaged every bit of property they possessed to its utmost farthing, find themselves with chattel mortgages, interest, back taxes and state bills paid, and in hundreds of cases, a share, if not all, of the first mortgages on their lands cleared up.

Business is booming under this last minute transmutation of blood and the Northwest finds itself suddenly in a better shape than it has been in five years.

This magical transformation is the result of the greatest small grain crops in the history of the territory, combined with prices which a few

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 24, 1924

(Supplied by two local stockbrokers over direct New York wires)

High	Low	Open	Close
Alcoa	73	71-1/2	72
Am. Can.	44-1/2	44-1/2	45-1/2
Am. Coal	31-1/2	31-1/2	32-1/2
Am. Oil	32-1/2	32-1/2	33-1/2
Am. Sugar	32-1/2	32-1/2	33-1/2
Am. Tobacco	32-1/2	32-1/2	33-1/2
Am. Wire	32-1/2	32-1/2	33-1/2
Am. Zinc	32-1/2	32-1/2	33-1/2
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MAYOR SAYS FAREWELL TO CIVIC DUTIES

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Hosts to Council and City Staff

Annual Banquet at Dominion Hotel Proves Enjoyable Function

With civic cares thrown aside for a day, heads of each department of the City Hall staff, all the lady members, Magistrate George Jay, chairman of the School Board; Police Commissioner Aitken, Chief of Police Fry, Fire Chief Stewart, and members of the City Council, were guests of Mayor Reginald Hayward and Mrs. Hayward at the Dominion Hotel last night. Ex-Alderman Andrews, who had a previous engagement, and Ex-Alderman Sargent, who was out of the city, were the only absentees.

Members of the council and the staff shared in the toast list, and lady members of the staff contributed to an excellent musical programme. The Mayor made an admirable toastmaster, and the function was generally voted as one of the most enjoyable Mayor's banquets held in the city.

THE HOST

To his colleagues on the City Council, the chairman of the School Board, members of the staff and others present the Mayor expressed the pleasure it gave him to host the evening. He hoped the evening would help bind their friendship. He doubted if at any time the friendship existing between the aldermen and the staff had ever been greater. All were striving to do their best in the interests of the city. The council had tackled great tasks and had been ably assisted by the staff. This year had been a difficult year but when the reports for 1924 were prepared he believed it would be shown to have been a successful year. The 1924 council had worked hard and well. Through the misfortunes of war there were several who would not be on the council for next year, but none could deny they had not done their duty conscientiously and well.

EFFICIENT STAFF

The city of Victoria, he believed, had an efficient and conscientious body of workers on the City Hall staff as any civic body ever had.



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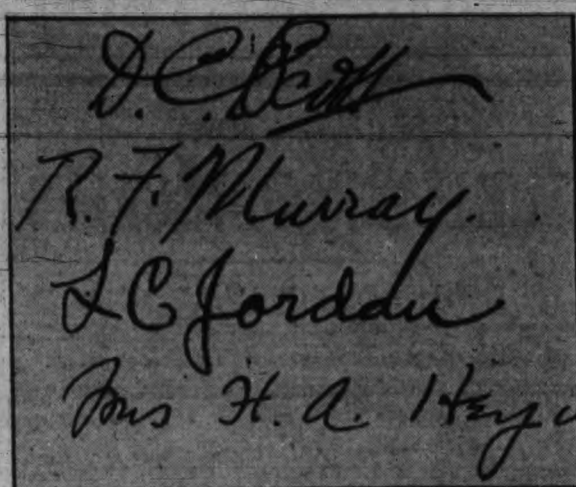
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The staff had greatly assisted him during his term of office.

Incidentally the Mayor mentioned the twenty-four years ago his father gave a similar dinner to the one held that evening. In relinquishing the office of Mayor because he could not fill his duties as a member in the Provincial House and the duties of Mayor, he assured the incoming Mayor that he would always render him any assistance he could and would still be able to do all he could for his native city of Victoria.

TOAST OF COUNCIL

The toast of the "Mayor and Council" was proposed by H. S. Pringle, city solicitor. In the course of his remarks he said it should be the highest duty and highest privilege of every member of the council and the city to work for the best interests of the people of Victoria. He would not like to think any member of the council would be swayed in his decision in voting on a by-law or any issue because he thought it would gain him half a dozen votes. He did not think the 1924 council had been made of such men. He assured the 1924 council that it had the respect of the members of the City Hall staff. In speaking of the personnel of the council he pointed to the variety of interests represented, incidentally referring to Alderman Woodward as the "Utopian financier."

"Last, but not least," he said, "we have at the head the man who buries the dead. He even let the City of Victoria Bill die on his hands."

Continuous responsibility was the message he gave to the City Hall staff. In a sense he said that duty was greater than the changing members of the City Council. Mr. Pringle had a joke at the expense of the lady stenographers "who refused to change the ribbons of their typewriters on the grounds that Paderewski never tuned his own piano."

He assured the Mayor that he would be missed when he left the mayorality chair. He also assured the retiring aldermen of that respect. "To the 1924 council I would say with all your faults we love you still," he said in conclusion.

ALDERMAN TODD

As senior alderman, Alderman Todd responded. He assured Mayor Hayward he would be missed on leaving the mayorality chair, and congratulated him on his election to the Provincial Legislature. He greeted that he had not had better success with the Victoria Private Bill, but they all knew he had done his best.

The present era in City Council affairs started as far back as 1912, when the council was engaged in many public works. There was the Sooke Lake water works, which he mentioned he opposed on the grounds that it was undertaken too soon. They had now, however, a wonderful waterworks system. Much street work was undertaken under a provincial act which had many defects. It was to a large extent through those defects the city suffered to-day. The enormous public works at that time were not being financed by the citizens of that day. The council knew that, but he contended the citizens were also aware of that fact. He recalled election promises at that time when public works were promised, and said he pointed out that this was being done on borrowed money. The 1914 council set out to finance these expenditures, and then the war came on. In the meantime people forgot that these works had not been financed at that time.

It was not until 1922 when Alderman Marchant was mayor that the city succeeded in meeting every obligation as it became due. That had not always proved a popular policy.

A BRIGHT FUTURE

Predicting that Vancouver would, if the greater Vancouver scheme carried, eventually become the largest city in Canada, he said if Victoria would carry out the same idea they would have a thriving community. Industries would spring up along the Saanich peninsula, and work which would be done here. It was high time they in the greater Victoria area forgot petty jealousies and had a great and united Greater Victoria. Victoria, he said, had an efficient staff rendering good service and one in which the citizens should take a pride.

THE CIVIC STAFF

The toast of "The Civic Staff" was proposed by Alderman Marchant. The members of the City Council had had pleasant relationships during and he had no doubt his successor Mayor Hayward's term of office would establish equally pleasant relationships. A good staff was essential for the proper administration of a city. He believed in a democratic form of government, where the people had a right to elect their own rulers, and side by side with it went the official system as represented by the staff, making an excellent blend of the two. The staff and the aldermen had equal responsibility, and there should be a spirit of comradeship of service, both striving to serve the same city. The paved road to promotion was good service, and that was the way efficiency was created. Salary was not the big

thing in service, there was something a great deal more than that. He thanked the staff for the loyal service rendered when he was mayor of the city.

E. C. Smith, city treasurer, the senior member of the staff, ably replied to the toast. "We thank you for the many nice things said, and when estimates time comes around, I hope you won't forget us," he said. He congratulated the mayor on his success in the Provincial election, and extended the compliments of the season.

J. A. Macdonald, City Comptroller, proposed "The Ladies." Miss F. Castleton, of the Treasury Department, responded.

Miss M. E. Simpson, of the purchasing department, and Miss E. M. Phillips, of the Waterworks Department, rendered appreciated songs. Humorous recitations in broad Scotch dialect were given by J. Walker, of the Waterworks Department, Miss Joyce Wormald and J. H. W. Fidler presided at the piano in turn.

BIG MEETING AT KEATING DISCUSSES SAANICH AFFAIRS

Endorses Reeve and Council; no Action on Other Candidates

At a meeting of the Ward Six Saanich Ratepayers' Association, held Monday at the Keating Temperance Hall, with over 100 ratepayers attending, Reeve Robert Macnicol was heartily endorsed for another term of office, and Councillor Hagan was likewise supported unanimously for a second year as the representative of the ward upon the Saanich Council.

Reeve Macnicol gave a brief account of the work of the past year, and Councillor Hagan dealt in detail with the affairs of the ward and his administration of the roads funds available.

Trustee J. Cheetham appealed for support for another term upon the School Board, and Mrs. Campion also outlined her qualifications for trusteeship, being in the field as the nominee of the West Saanich Women's Institute.

TRUSTEES OPPOSE VIEWS

A somewhat unusual turn at municipal meetings developed when Trustees Holland criticized Trustee Cheetham somewhat severely for actions during the past summer. This aspect of a municipal governing body being divided within itself on the eve of an election has never before developed in the trustee contest in Saanich, and greatly interested the large audience.

POLICE COMMISSION

The police commissioners' vacancy proved of great interest to the meeting. T. K. Harrop having been induced to enter the contest by the representations of a large farming section of Saanich, while A. E. Scobie, as nominee of Ward Four, was also present at the meeting, to air his views and place himself in a reorganization of the Saanich police force if elected to office.

Mr. Harrop was placed in nomination and seconded, and was then asked for his views as to reconstruction of the municipal police force. After he had stated that his attitude was at present non-committal, and would become decisive, should he be

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ected, only after careful study of the facts available to the commission in the official records, an amendment was adopted by the meeting to the effect that no endorsements should be made, at that time, for either police commission or school board candidates.

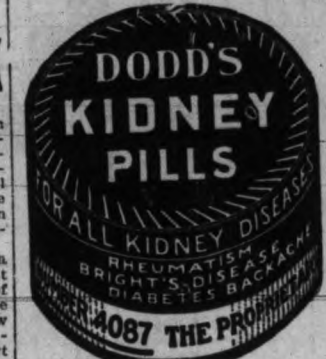
RAISES ISSUE OF WILLOWS PARK

That another attempt had been made to break the agreement between the city and the B.C. Agricultural Association was alleged by Alderman Marchant in City Council on Monday when he detected in the minutes of the finance committee an item to repair property at the Willows ground.

The alderman, who has been a critic of the association throughout the year, referred to the payment of taxes on the Willows park, and the vote to pay the deficit on the show last August, and reminded the council that taxes and repairs were part of the obligation undertaken by the

association in its two-year lease from the city, a year of which has to run. Alderman Ker, chairman of the finance committee, promised to look into the matter.

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